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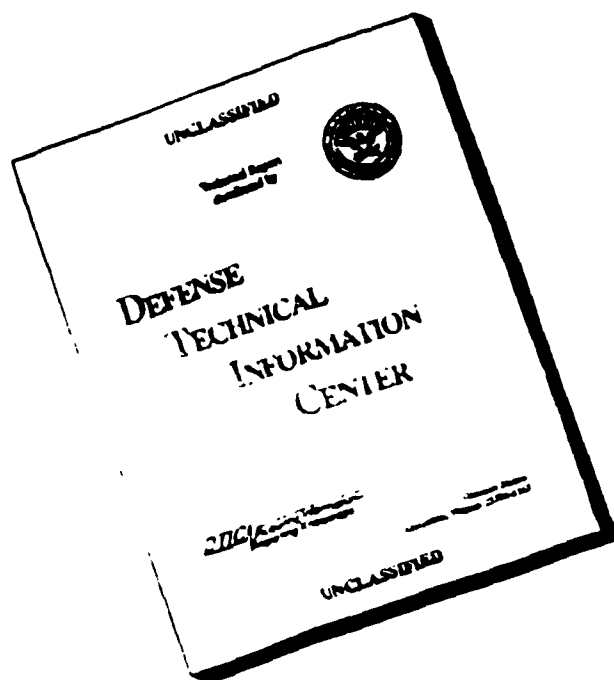


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SUMMARY

The effects on the aerodynamic characteristics of skin wrinkles on the forward part of the upper surface of two NACA airfoils have been investigated and the results are compared with those obtained for the same two airfoils in a smooth condition. The airfoils used were the NACA 66,1-115 and 23015 sections. The wind-tunnel investigation included speeds up to a Mach number of 0.73.

The results showed that no appreciable change in normal-force or pitching-moment characteristics over the range of Mach number tested (0.25 to 0.73) was caused by the wrinkle on an airfoil section. The drag for the wrinkled configurations was greater than that for the smooth configurations. The wrinkles caused a reduction in the critical speed and a corresponding reduction in the speed at which drag force breaks occur. The wake at subcritical speeds spread an insignificant amount, and the "shock spread" of the wake (the spread of the wake due to shock on the airfoil) occurred at lower Mach numbers for the wrinkled configurations than for the smooth configurations. The results further indicated that the span of the wrinkles tested had no effect on the section aerodynamic characteristics.

A theoretical calculation of the pressure distribution over the wrinkles was made and compared with a low-speed pressure measurement.

INTRODUCTION

DISCUSSION DIRECTED 3

Airplane wings operating under high load conditions, such as are encountered in gusts or pull-outs, may have

wrinkles developed on the skin. Although determining in flight the profile of these wrinkles with a fair degree of accuracy is impractical, determining in flight the load condition under which these wrinkles occur is relatively simple. Wrinkles similar to those observed under flight conditions can thus be reproduced by static-load tests. In order to determine the effects of wrinkles of this type on the aerodynamic characteristics of an airfoil, tests in the Langley 8-foot high-speed tunnel were conducted with two representative NACA airfoils having simulated typical wrinkles. The wind-tunnel investigation included speeds up to a Mach number of 0.73 and loads corresponding to conditions simulating the lift coefficient required to produce a 4g pull-out throughout the high-speed range for an airplane having a wing loading of 40 pounds per square foot and flying at an altitude of 20,000 feet.

The airfoils selected for the wind-tunnel investigation were the NACA 66,1-115 and 23015 airfoils. The NACA 66,1-115 airfoil is representative of airfoils giving high critical speed, and the NACA 23015 airfoil is representative of earlier conventional airfoils having their peak negative pressure farther forward.

The profile of the wrinkles selected for the tests were obtained from a full-scale static-load test specimen. The wrinkles developed in the specimen consisted principally of depressions relative to the original surface so that the crests of the waves did not project to any great extent above the original airfoil contour. The chord of the specimen was 91 inches and the total amplitude of the wrinkle was approximately $3/8$ inch at the section under the load at which the wrinkle profile measurements were made. The wrinkles selected for the present tests occurred in front of the forward spar of the static-load test specimen; wrinkles developed behind the forward spar were not included in the wind-tunnel tests since it is believed that these wrinkles, because of their large wave length, would not seriously show up in flight.

Theoretical calculations of the pressure distribution over the wrinkled NACA 66,1-115 airfoil were made by a combination of the "slope method" of reference 1 and the Theodorsen-Garrick method of reference 2 for an angle of attack of 0° , and these theoretical

values are compared herein with the measured low-speed values.

SYMBOLS

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| P | pressure coefficient $\left(\frac{\text{Local pressure} - \text{Static pressure}}{\text{Dynamic pressure}} \right)$ |
| c_l | section lift coefficient |
| c_n | section normal-force coefficient |
| $c_{m_{c/4}}$ | section pitching-moment coefficient about quarter-chord point |
| c_{d_0} | section profile-drag coefficient |
| α | angle of attack |
| $\frac{\Delta V}{V}$ | velocity-increment ratio |
| V | free-stream velocity |
| ΔV | velocity increment above free-stream velocity |
| x | distance from airfoil nose parallel to chord, inches |
| y | distance from airfoil chord perpendicular to chord, inches; perpendicular to tunnel center line for wake-location data |
| Δy | distance from smooth airfoil surface to wrinkled surface |
| X | coordinate of wrinkled surface on flat plate measured from airfoil nose, inches |
| Y | coordinate of wrinkled surface on flat plate measured from flat plate, inches ($Y = \Delta y$) |
| M | Mach number |
| c | airfoil chord, inches |

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Subscripts:

wp wrinkle on flat plate
 N normal airfoil
 T wrinkle on airfoil surface
 U upper wake boundary
 L lower wake boundary
 cr critical, that is, value of variable when sonic
 velocity has just been attained in flow
 around airfoil
 max maximum

Other symbols used in appendix are defined as introduced.

APPARATUS AND PROCEDURE

The tests were conducted in the Langley 8-foot high-speed tunnel, which has a single-return closed-throat circular test section. The power available at the time of the present tests limited speeds to $M = 0.73$.

The NACA 66,1-115 and 23015 airfoils, which had 24-inch chords, completely spanned the tunnel throat as shown in figure 1. Two types of wrinkles having different spans but the same chordwise shape were investigated (figs. 2 to 4). These wrinkles were called the long wrinkle and the short wrinkle and had spans of 10 inches (0.417 chord) and 2 inches (0.0834 chord), respectively. The wrinkled surface was simulated by inserting blocks of the desired shape so that the leading edge of the wrinkles was 0.5 inch (0.021 chord) behind the airfoil leading edge, and the trailing edge of the wrinkles was 5.5 inches (0.229 chord) behind the airfoil leading edge. (See figs. 3 and 4.) The amplitudes of the wrinkles were approximately 0.1 inch (0.00417 chord) and the wave length was 2 inches (0.0834 chord). The spanwise ends of the wrinkles were faired to the smooth airfoil surface by fillets having a radius equal to the departure of the wrinkled surface from the smooth surface.

The fillet at a valley was faired inward and the fillet at a peak was faired outward.

Carborundum dust that had a mean diameter of 0.005 inch was blown on a tacky shellac strip $3/32$ inch (0.0039 chord) wide for the fixed-transition configuration. The leading edge of this transition strip was placed spanwise on the otherwise smooth model at the 0.021-chord station on the upper surface of the NACA 23015 airfoil. This location corresponds to the leading edge of the wrinkled surface. The NACA 66,1-115 airfoil was not tested in the fixed-transition configuration because drag and critical-speed data were available from unpublished tests previously conducted in the Langley 8-foot high-speed tunnel.

Profile drag was determined from measurements obtained by the wake-survey rake placed behind the airfoil (figs. 1 and 5) by the methods of reference 3. The wake-survey rake was supported on an auxiliary airfoil, or a horizontal strut, and could be moved from the tunnel vertical center plane to 24 inches on either side of this plane, as shown in figure 1. With the model set at $\alpha = 0^\circ$, the total-pressure tubes of the rake were 37 inches (1.540 chords) behind the trailing edge of the NACA 66,1-115 airfoil and 19.81 inches (0.826 chord) behind the trailing edge of the NACA 23015 airfoil. In order to measure the profile drag of the wrinkled section, the rake was placed 15 inches spanwise from the center line of the model directly behind the midspan of the wrinkle; in order to measure the profile drag of the smooth-wing or fixed-transition configurations, the rake was placed symmetrically on the other side of the center line of the model. The total-pressure loss and the static pressures in the wake were measured on a multiple-tube integrating alcohol manometer. Great care was exercised to keep the model especially clean during the wake-survey tests.

Simultaneous pressure measurements were made at both spanwise stations for most of the runs. All the pressures were measured by photographing a multiple-tube tetrabromoethane manometer. Pressure data were obtained for the following configurations of the two NACA airfoils:

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| NACA 66,1-115 airfoil | NACA 23015 airfoil |
|-----------------------|--|
| Smooth wing | Smooth wing |
| Long wrinkle | Long wrinkle |
| Short wrinkle | Transition fixed at the 0.021-chord station on the upper surface |

The wake-survey tests were not run simultaneously with the pressure measurements because the rake and strut absorb enough power to reduce appreciably the maximum tunnel speed. Drag data were obtained for the same configurations as were the pressure data except that drag was not measured for the short wrinkle of the NACA 66,1-115 airfoil.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Pressure Distribution

Measured pressure distribution.- A representative group of the pressure distributions obtained are presented in figures 6 to 12 for the NACA 66,1-115 airfoil and in figures 13 to 18 for the NACA 23015 airfoil. The short-wrinkle pressure distributions and the long-wrinkle pressure distributions agreed quite closely; therefore only one group, for the long wrinkle, is presented in the present paper. A comparison of the two sets of data was expected to show the effects of spanwise flow that were believed to exist; the flow for both wrinkles was, however, apparently the same.

When comparisons were available, the pressure distributions for the fixed-transition and smooth-airfoil configurations are shown to agree quite closely (figs. 13 to 17); furthermore, for the range investigated the pressure recovery at the trailing edge behind the wrinkle is similar to that for the smooth airfoil, which indicates that any separation that does occur is not due to the wrinkle.

With increasing angle of attack the largest peak over the wrinkle on the NACA 66-series airfoil moves

to the more forward peaks (for example, figs. 7 and 11). This forward movement of the peak over the wrinkled airfoil is due to the forward movement of the peak over the normal airfoil. For the NACA 23015 airfoil (figs. 13 to 18), in which the pressure distribution of the normal airfoil does not have so sharp a peak at the nose at high angles of attack as that of the NACA 66,1-115 airfoil, the largest peak over the wrinkle remains at the same location regardless of the variation in angle of attack or speed.

Theoretical pressure distribution.- The pressures for the upper surface of the wrinkled NACA 66,1-115 airfoil were computed for an angle of attack of 0° by a combination of the slope method (reference 1) and the Theodorsen-Garrick method (reference 2). The slope method, which is given in the appendix, was used to compute the velocity-increment ratio over the wrinkle developed on a flat plate (fig. 4). This velocity-increment ratio was added to that obtained for the smooth airfoil (fig. 19) by the method of reference 2. The total velocity-increment ratio was then converted to pressure coefficient. In figure 20 the theoretical pressure coefficients are compared with the pressure coefficients measured at $\alpha = 0^\circ$ and $M = 0.250$. Measuring the peak pressures when the gradients are sharp and steep is inherently difficult; also, local separation may occur. Both of these effects would cause the measured values to appear less severe than the calculated values at the peaks and valleys. The fairing for the measured pressure distribution is that customarily used but is, however, quite arbitrary. It is possible to fair through the measured pressure coefficients and obtain better agreement with the calculated curve than that shown in figure 20. The calculated values also are subject to small errors caused by fitting the equations of the wrinkled surface to the actual surface. Despite this difference in the fairing, the lift and the pitching-moment coefficients obtained from either the calculated or the measured pressure distributions agree quite closely because a peak difference is compensated by a valley difference.

Section Normal-Force Coefficient

The pressure distributions were integrated graphically to obtain the curves of section normal-force

coefficient that are presented in figures 21 and 22. Some points for fairing these curves, where $M = 0.250$ and data were missing, were obtained by interpolation from plots of c_n against α .

Figures 21 and 22 show that, for the range of speed and angle of attack tested, the variation of c_n with speed for the wrinkled, the fixed-transition, or the smooth configurations remains the same. It may be concluded, therefore, that no large detrimental effects are caused by the wrinkle or the fixed-transition configuration. In fact, at subcritical speeds a slight increase in $c_{n_{max}}$ is possible for wrinkles of the size investigated and in the location tested. This increase probably results because transition is fixed at the region of the wrinkle, and the turbulent boundary layer that ensues may delay separation. Reference 4 shows that, when small roughness was placed at several positions on the upper surface of the NACA 63(420)-422 airfoil, an increase in $c_{l_{max}}$ (or $c_{n_{max}}$) was obtained; although, when roughness was placed on the nose of the airfoil, a decrement to $c_{l_{max}}$ was experienced.

Section Pitching-Moment Coefficient

The section pitching-moment coefficients were obtained by integrating the chordwise pressure distribution to obtain the pitching moment about the quarter-chord point; the small contribution of the chordwise forces was neglected. The data for smooth and wrinkled sections of the NACA 66,1-115 airfoil are presented in figure 23. The section pitching-moment coefficients for the smooth, the wrinkled, and the fixed-transition configurations of the NACA 23015 airfoil are compared in figure 24.

The effect of the wrinkle or of fixing transition on the section pitching-moment coefficients is neither consistent nor large. The wrinkle or fixing transition, therefore, may be concluded to have no serious effect on the pitching-moment characteristics of the airfoils for the range investigated.

Section Profile-Drag Coefficient

The section profile-drag coefficients are presented for the NACA 66,1-115 airfoil in figure 25 and for the NACA 23015 airfoil in figure 26. The data for the fixed-transition configuration of the NACA 66,1-115 airfoil are from unpublished tests previously made in the Langley 8-foot high-speed tunnel.

Reference to figure 25 shows that the drag of the NACA 66,1-115 airfoil is increased for the wrinkled configuration. Through the subcritical speed range the drag increment due to the wrinkle is somewhat less than that caused by fixing transition on both surfaces. A perceptible drag rise (drag force break) is reached at lower speeds for the wrinkled configuration than for the smooth or the fixed-transition configuration.

Figure 26 shows that at subcritical speeds the drag increment due to the wrinkle on the NACA 23015 airfoil is equal to or slightly larger than the increment due to fixing transition on the upper surface only at the leading edge of the wrinkle. This equality indicated that the drag increment due to the wrinkle at subcritical speeds is mainly caused by moving the transition point to the region of the leading edge of the wrinkle. The drag rise for the wrinkled wing is seen to occur at a lower Mach number than the drag rise for the smooth wing or for the fixed-transition configuration.

Wake Location

Plots of point drag coefficient against vertical distance from the chord were used to obtain the wake boundary behind the airfoil. The position where the point-drag-coefficient gradient is first equal to zero is considered the boundary of the wake. This point is obtained from paired curves of point drag coefficient $c_{d,p}/dy$ against vertical distance y , typical curves of which are presented in figure 27.

The distance y , in inches, (fig. 5) was measured vertically from the airfoil chord extended to the wake-boundary measuring plane. The data were then reduced to nondimensional form by dividing y by the airfoil

chord c . This value y/c for the upper and the lower limit of the wake is plotted against Mach number in figure 28 for the NACA 66,1-115 airfoil. The wake location for the NACA 23015 airfoil is presented in figure 29.

In figures 28 and 29, the spread of the wake at subcritical speeds is shown to be only slightly wider for the wrinkled and the fixed-transition configurations than for the smooth configuration. The "shock spread" of the wake (the spread of the wake due to shock on the airfoil), however, occurs at lower speeds for the wrinkled configuration than for the smooth airfoil, whereas it occurs at the same speed for the fixed-transition airfoil as for the smooth airfoil.

Critical Speed

Critical speed is defined as the undisturbed airspeed when sonic velocity is first attained in the flow around an airfoil. The variation of critical Mach number with section normal-force coefficient for the NACA 66,1-115 airfoil is plotted in figure 30(a). The single point for fixed transition was acquired from unpublished data obtained in the Langley 8-foot high-speed tunnel. The critical-speed data for the NACA 23015 airfoil are given in figure 30(b).

Figures 30(a) and 30(b) show that the critical speeds for the fixed-transition and the smooth-wing configurations are approximately equal to each other for each of the airfoils tested. The critical speeds for the wrinkled configuration are lower than those for the smooth airfoil, the wrinkled NACA 23015 airfoil suffering a more severe loss of critical speed than the wrinkled NACA 66,1-115 airfoil.

In spite of the lower critical speed for the wrinkled configurations, the normal force break appears to occur at a speed at least as high for the wrinkled configuration as for the smooth configuration. This phenomenon indicates that localized compression shocks will not necessarily cause normal force breaks to occur. The rise in drag indicated by the curves of c_{d0} against M (figs. 25 and 26) for the wrinkled configurations, however, does occur at the respective critical speeds.

Airplane Performance

Because no appreciable change in normal force or pitching moment is caused by the wrinkle, there will be no important changes in the stability of the airplane at subcritical speeds. The speed of the airplane, however, will be adversely affected by an increase in drag when wrinkles occur on the airfoil surface. It has previously been indicated that, at a given angle of attack and Mach number, the wake of the wrinkled section at supercritical speeds is wider than that of the smooth section; therefore additional attention should be given to the tail location when wing wrinkles may occur in flight.

Wrinkles that would not cause the flow to separate, formed farther back than the ones tested, will probably have less effect on the airplane performance. An effect of the wrinkle is to fix the transition point; hence wrinkles farther back would not cause so much of the airfoil to be subjected to the turbulent boundary-layer flow, and the expected effect will necessarily be less for the wrinkles that are farther back than the ones tested.

CONCLUSIONS

The NACA 66,1-115 and 23015 airfoil sections in smooth and wrinkled conditions have been investigated in the Langley 8-foot high-speed tunnel. Effects of skin wrinkles, which had spans of 10 inches and 2 inches, on the forward part of the upper surface of the two airfoils indicated the following conclusions:

1. The wrinkles did not appreciably change the normal-force or the pitching-moment characteristics of the airfoils.
2. The critical speed of the airfoil was lowered by the wrinkle; however, the speed at which the section pitching-moment and section normal-force curves break remained unchanged for all practical purposes.
3. The drag increment due to the wrinkle at subcritical speeds was appreciable and the drag force

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break for the wrinkled configurations occurred at lower Mach numbers than for the smooth configurations.

4. The wake at subcritical speed spread an insignificant amount due to the wrinkle, and the "shock spread" of the wake (the spread of the wake due to shock on the airfoil) occurred at lower Mach numbers for the wrinkled configurations than for the smooth configurations.

5. The wrinkles effectively fixed transition in the region of their leading edge.

6. The span of the wrinkles tested had no effect on section aerodynamic characteristics.

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APPENDIX

EQUATIONS FOR COMPUTATION OF THE PRESSURE
DISTRIBUTION OVER A WRINKLED AIRFOIL

A particular application of the slope method (reference 1) is used to obtain equations for computation of the pressure distribution over a wrinkled airfoil. The equations apply for any surface that can be constructed by employing straight lines and circular arcs, provided the thickness ratio of the airfoils and of the wrinkles is not too large.

By use of reference 1 the velocity-increment ratio due to the wrinkles at $X = X_s$ is

$$\left(\frac{\Delta V_{wp}}{V}\right)_{X_s} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^c \frac{\frac{dY}{dX} dx}{X_s - X} \quad (1)$$

The wrinkle may be expressed, in regions, as straight-line and circular-arc functions of X . (See fig. 4.) It is convenient therefore to express equation (1) as follows:

$$\left(\frac{\Delta V_{wp}}{V}\right)_{X_s} = \sum_{i=1}^g \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{X_{i-1}}^{X_i} \frac{\frac{dY}{dX} dx}{X_s - X} \quad (2)$$

where $X_0 = 0$ inch and $X_g = 24$ inches. For a straight-line part of the wrinkle between $i-1$ and i

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{X_{i-1}}^{X_i} \frac{\frac{dY}{dX} dx}{X_s - X} = -\frac{1}{\pi} \frac{Y_i - Y_{i-1}}{X_i - X_{i-1}} \left[\log_e (X_s - X) \right]_{X_{i-1}}^{X_i} \quad (3)$$

For a circular-arc part of the wrinkle between 1 - 1
and 1

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{X_{i-1}}^{X_1} \frac{\frac{dY}{dX} dX}{X_s - X} = \pm \left(\frac{1}{\pi} \beta + A \right) \quad \text{if } \lambda < 0 \quad (4a)$$

$$= \pm \left(\frac{1}{\pi} \beta + B \right) \quad \text{if } \lambda > 0 \quad (4b)$$

$$= \pm \left(\frac{1}{\pi} \beta + G \right) \quad \text{if } \lambda = 0 \quad (4c)$$

where

$$\beta = \left[\sin^{-1} \frac{X - c_X}{r} \right]_{X_{i-1}}^{X_1}$$

$$A = -\frac{k}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda}} \left[\theta \right]_{X_{i-1}}^{X_1}$$

$$B = \frac{k}{\pi \sqrt{\lambda}} \left[\log_e \left(\frac{w + \sqrt{\lambda}}{X - X_s} + \frac{k}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \right) \right]_{X_{i-1}}^{X_1}$$

$$G = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{w}{X - X_s} \right]_{X_{i-1}}^{X_1}$$

and

$$\left[\theta \right]_{X_{i-1}}^{X_1} = \left[\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{k(X - X_s) + \lambda}{r(X - X_s)} \right) \right]_{X_{i-1}}^{X_1}$$

$$w = \sqrt{\lambda + 2k(X - X_s) - (X - X_s)^2}$$

$$\lambda = r^2 - k^2$$

$$k = c_X - X_s$$

c_X abscissa of arc center
 r radius of arc
 i number assigned to tangent points
 g number of tangent points (16 for this application)
 X_s point for which $\frac{\Delta V}{V}$ is being computed

If the circular arc is concave upward the negative sign is used in equation (4).

When equations (3) and (4) are integrated and added as indicated in equation (2), the velocity-increment ratio due to the wrinkle is obtained for any desired point $X = X_s$. This velocity-increment ratio is then added to the velocity-increment ratio for the smooth wing $\frac{\Delta V_N}{V}$ at $X = X_s$, which was obtained from figure 19 by the method of reference 2. The total velocity-increment ratio $\frac{\Delta V_T}{V}$ for the wrinkle and smooth section was then converted to pressure coefficient by the incompressible-flow relation

$$P = -\frac{\Delta V_T}{V} \left(\frac{\Delta V_T}{V} + 2 \right) \quad (5)$$

A sample computation of P for $X_s = 1.274$ is given in table I.

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TABLE I

SAMPLE COMPUTATION OF P FOR $x_s = 1.274$ INCHES
(5.31 PERCENT CHORD)

| Region | $\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{x_1-1}^{x_1} \frac{\frac{dy}{dx} dx}{x_s - x}$ |
|--|---|
| 0 - 1 | 0 |
| 1 - 2 | -.00332 |
| 2 - 3 | -.00628 |
| 3 - 4 | -.10348 |
| 4 - 5 | -.06570 |
| 5 - 6 | -.00717 |
| 6 - 7 | .01070 |
| 7 - 8 | .01158 |
| 8 - 9 | 0 |
| 9 - 10 | .00099 |
| 10 - 11 | .00817 |
| 11 - 12 | -.00151 |
| 12 - 13 | -.00499 |
| 13 - 14 | -.00183 |
| 14 - 15 | .00114 |
| 15 - 16 | 0 |
| $\sum_{i=1}^{16}$ | -0.2282 |
| $\frac{\Delta V_{wp}}{V} = -0.2282$ $\frac{\Delta V_N}{V} = 0.1270 \text{ (from fig. 19)}$ $\frac{\Delta V_T}{V} = \frac{\Delta V_{wp}}{V} + \frac{\Delta V_N}{V} = -0.1012$ $P = -\frac{\Delta V_T}{V} \left(\frac{\Delta V_T}{V} + 2 \right) = 0.192$ | |



Figure 1.- Wing and rake in the Langley 8-foot high-speed tunnel.

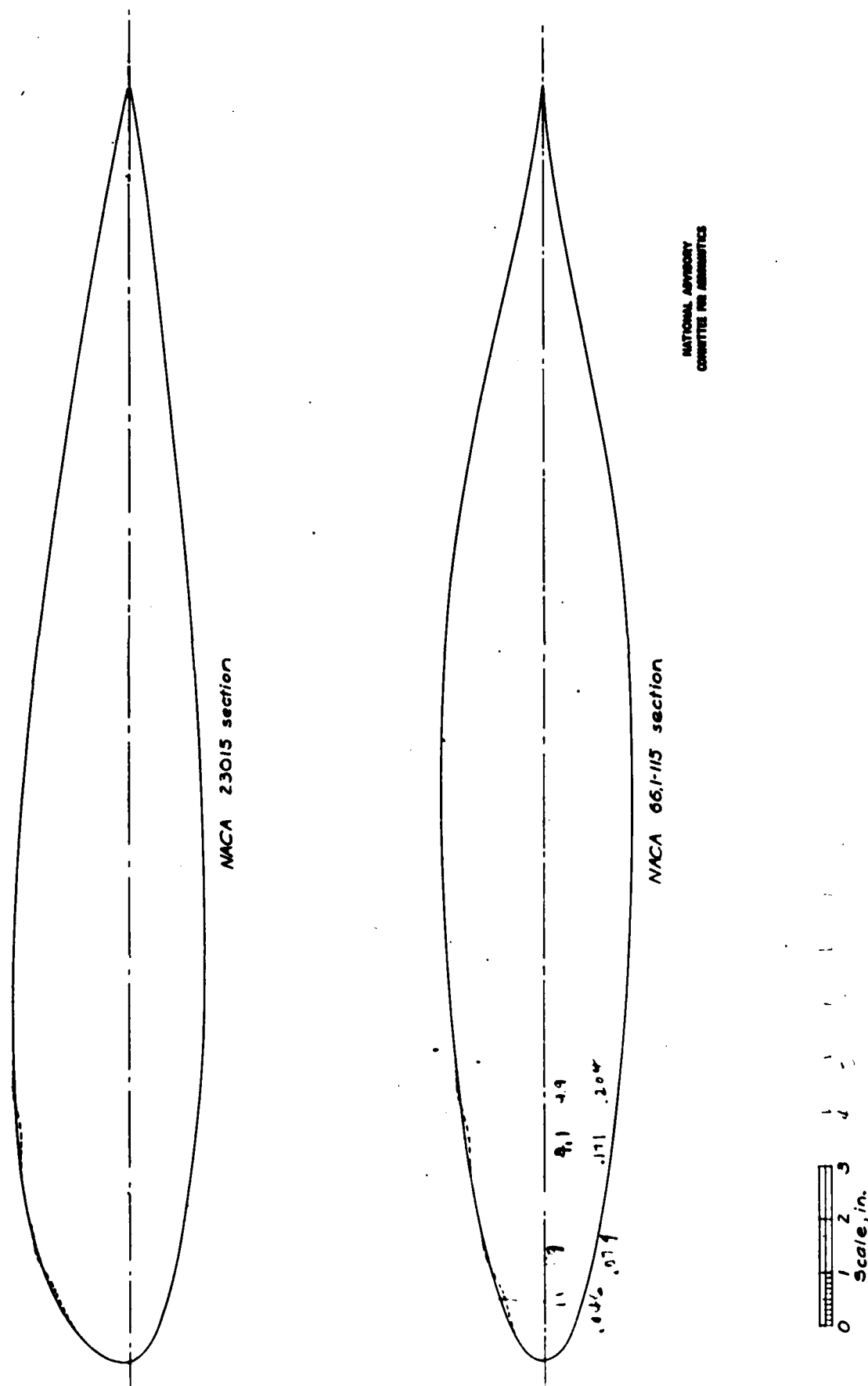


Figure 2. - Comparison of the NACA 23015 and the NACA 66.1-115 sections.

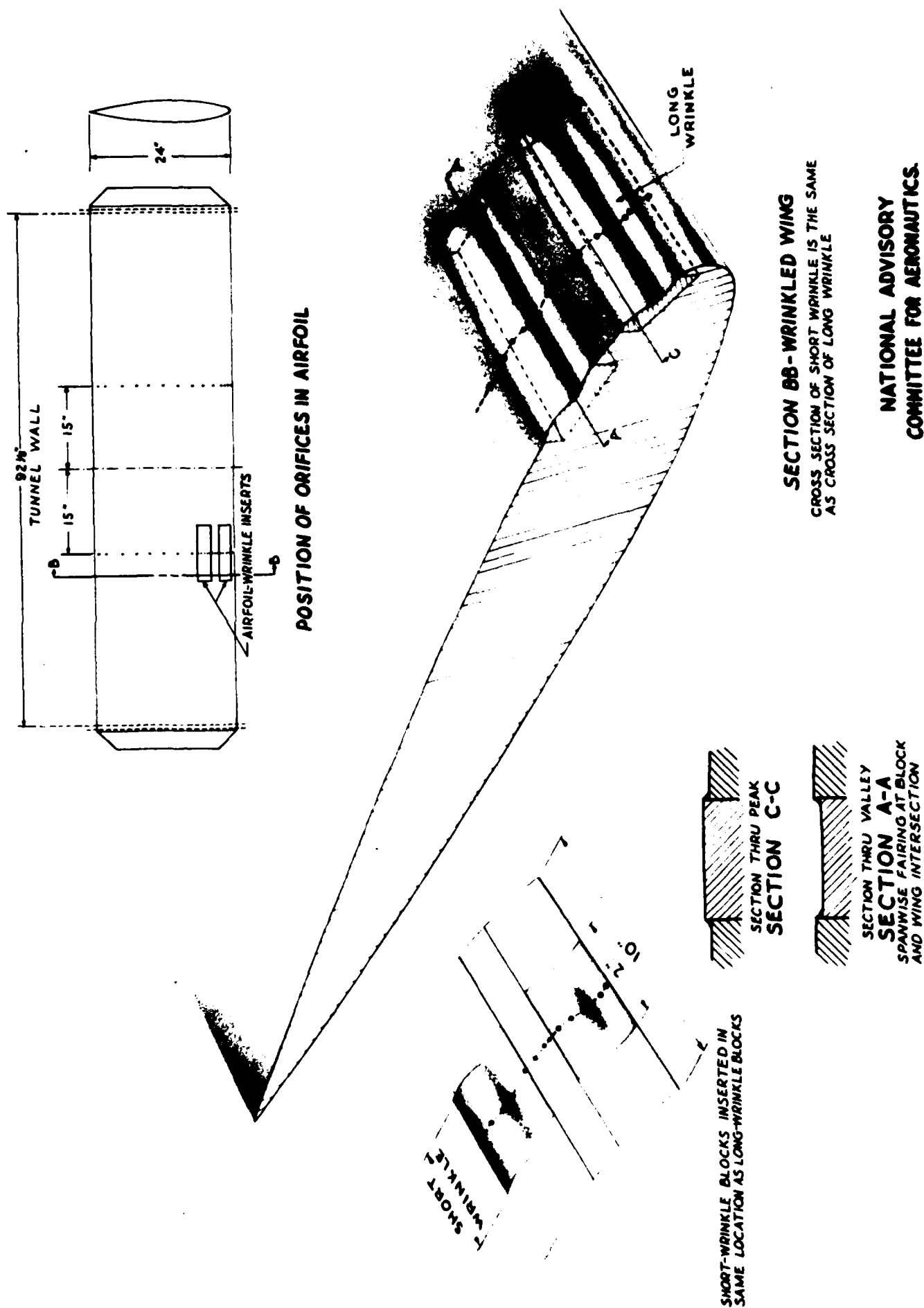


FIGURE 3.- WRINKLE LOCATION AND DETAILS.

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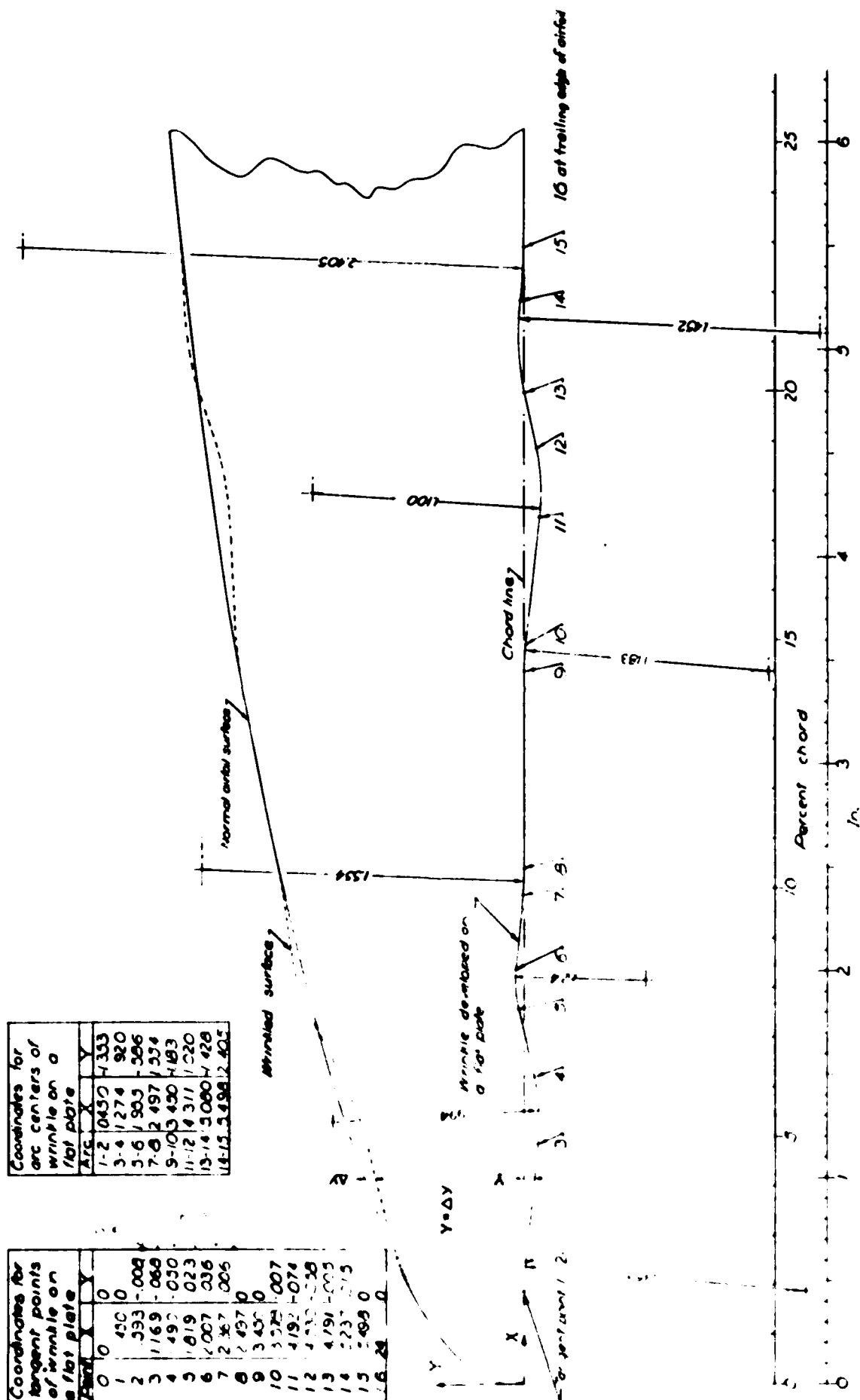


Figure 4.- Upper leading edge of the NACA 66/1115 airfoil and dimensions of the wrinkle used for the theoretical pressure distribution. All dimensions are in inches unless otherwise noted.

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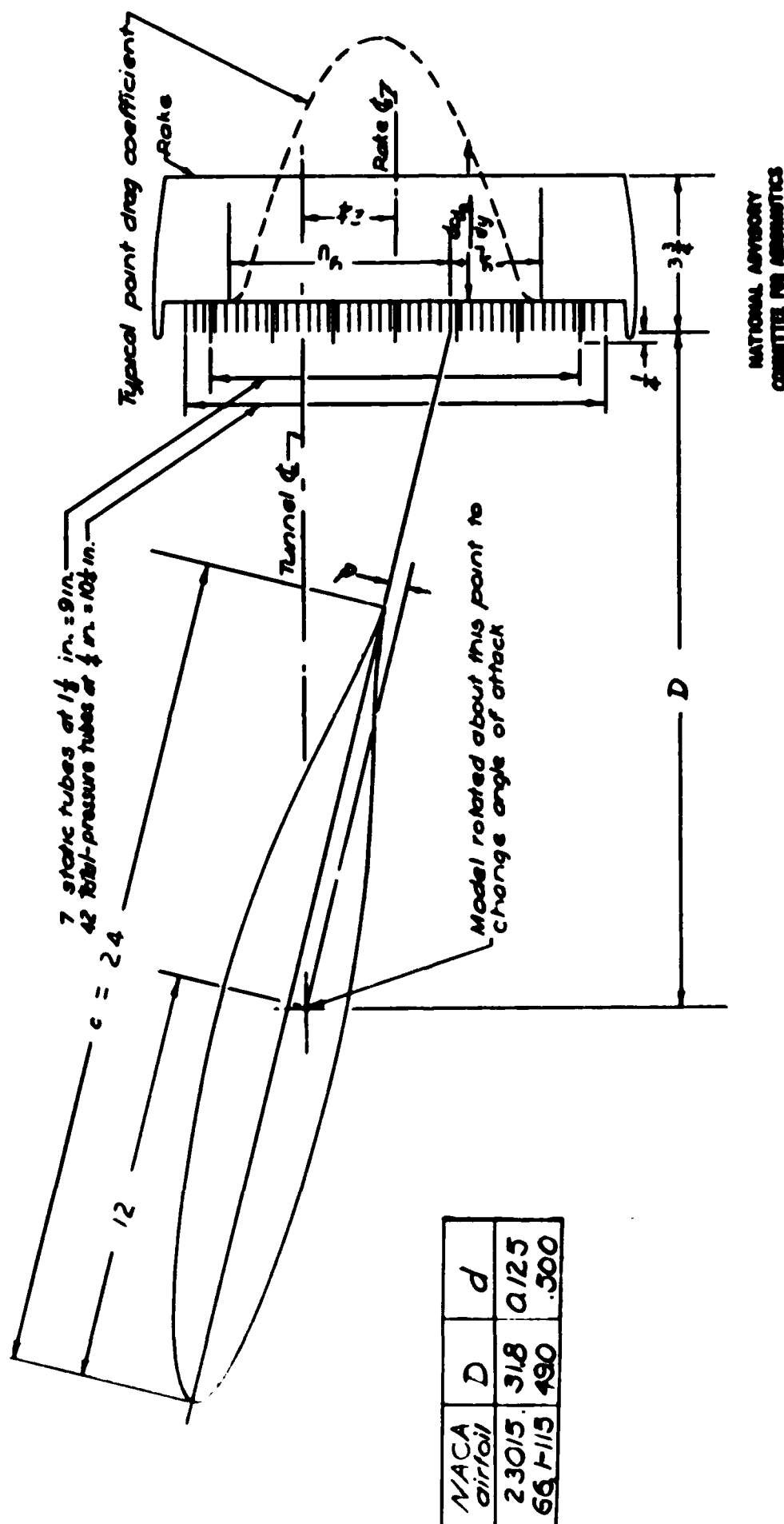


Figure 5. - Schematic diagram of wake-survey apparatus.
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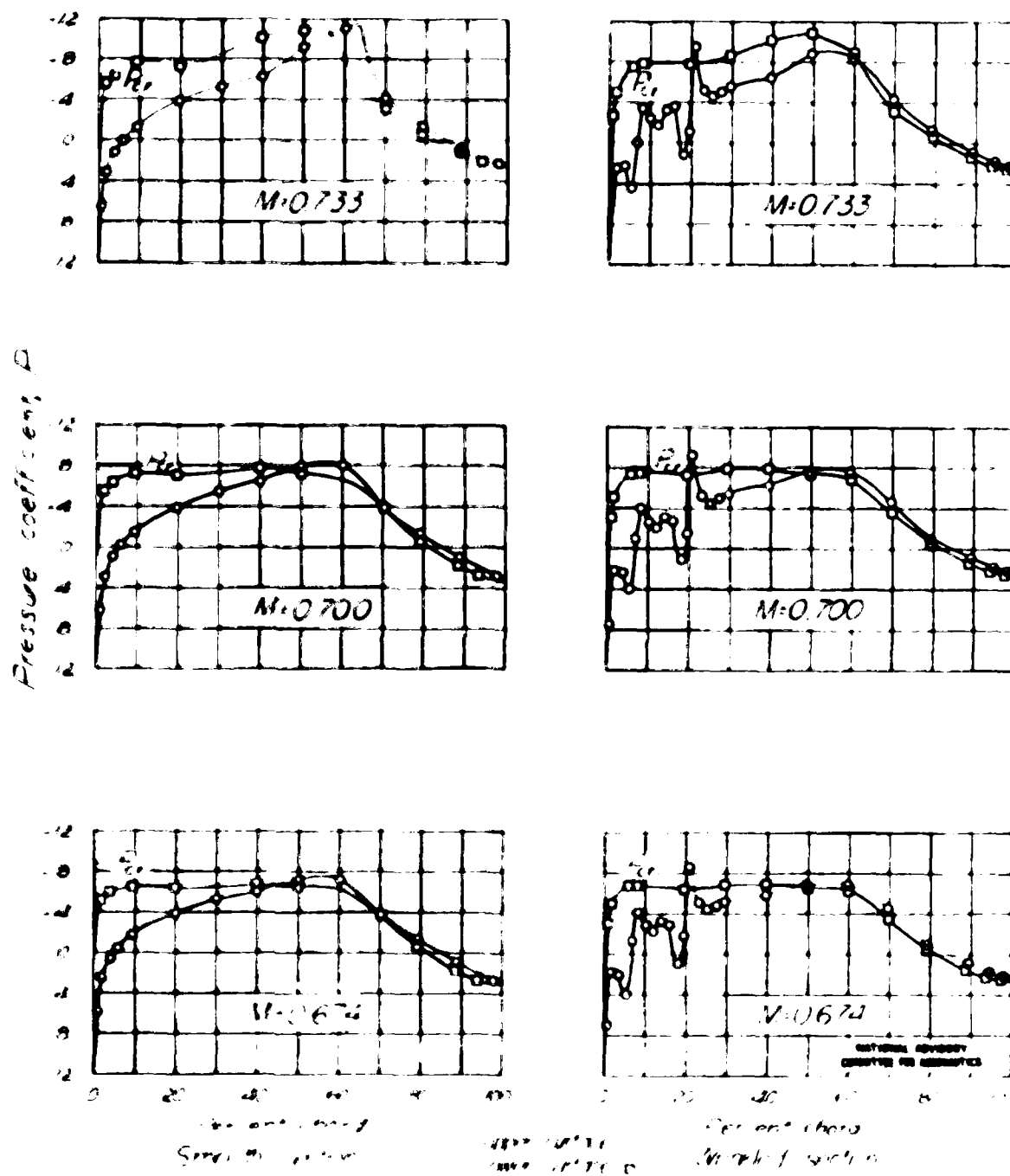


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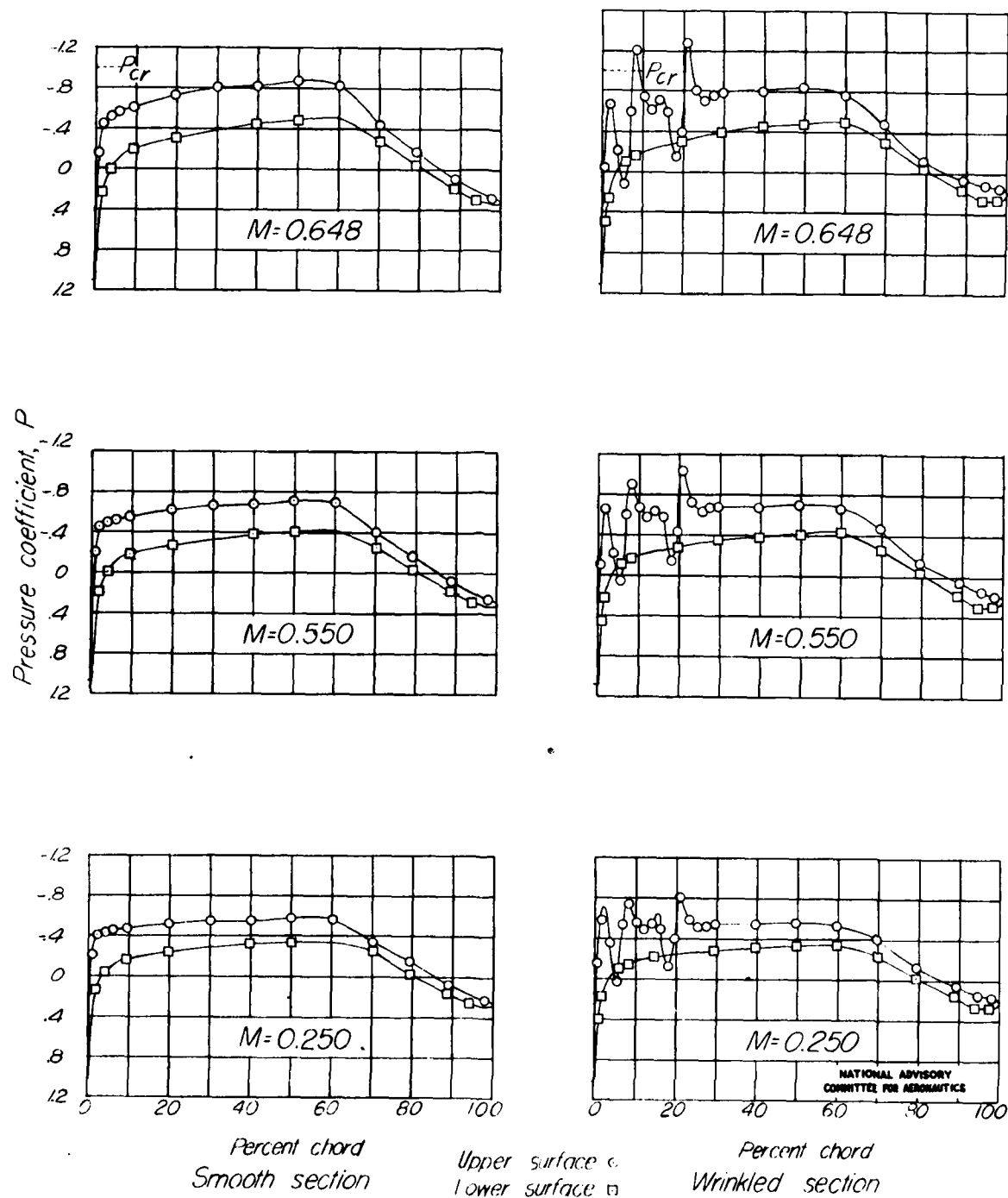


Figure 7.-Pressure distribution over NACA 661-115 airfoil. $\alpha = 1^\circ$.

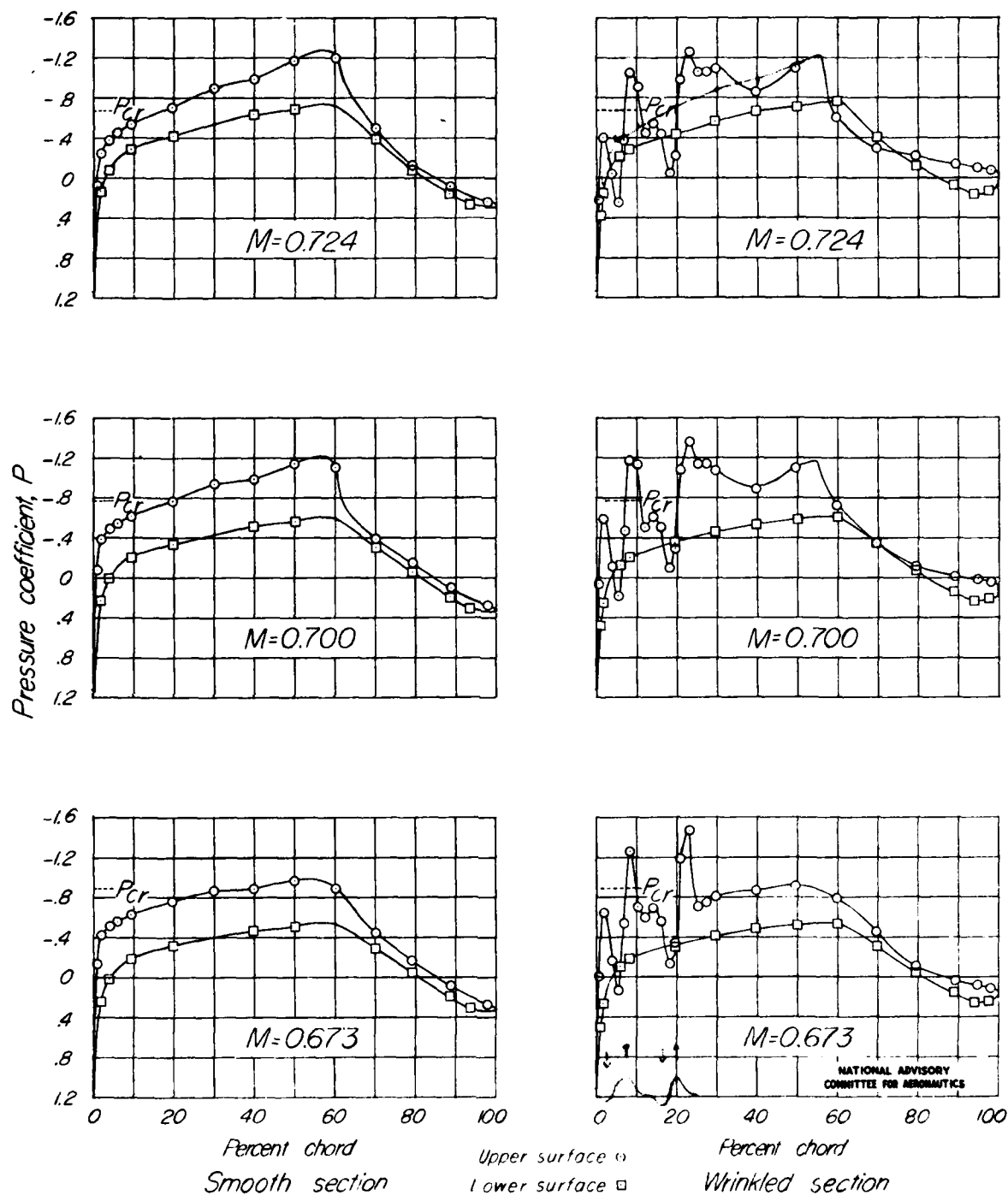


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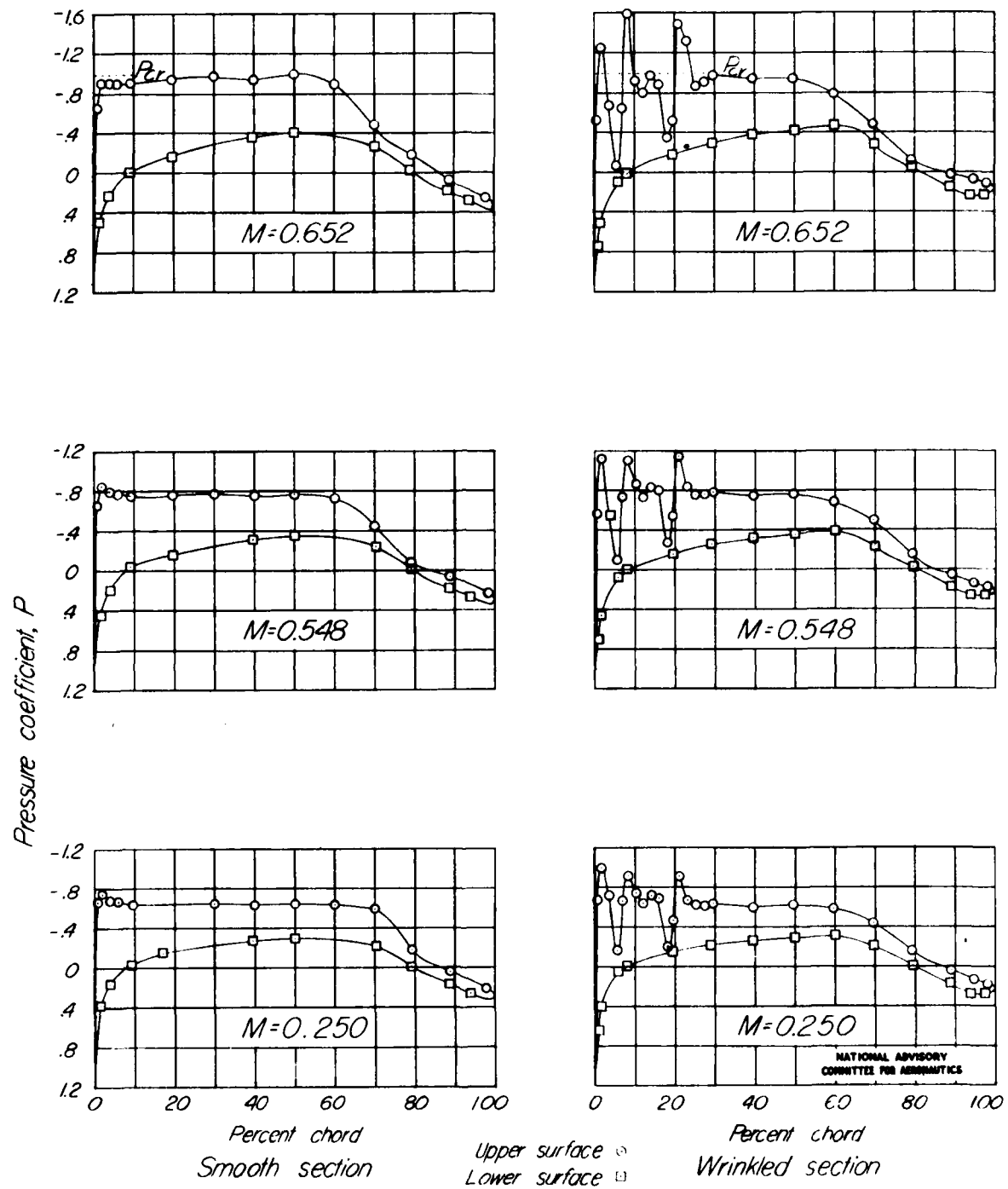


Figure 8.-Pressure distribution over NACA 66,1-115 airfoil. $\alpha = 2^\circ$

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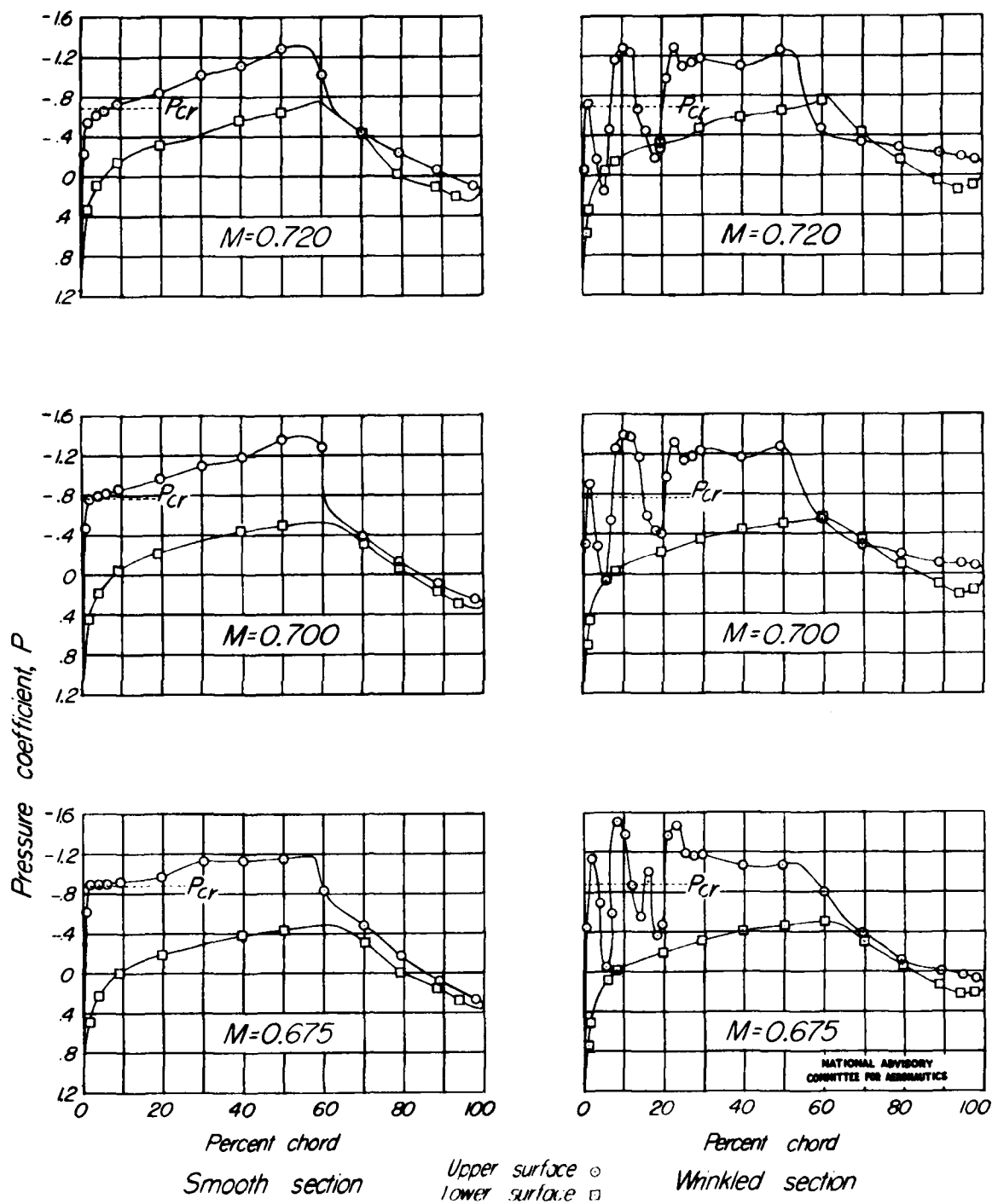


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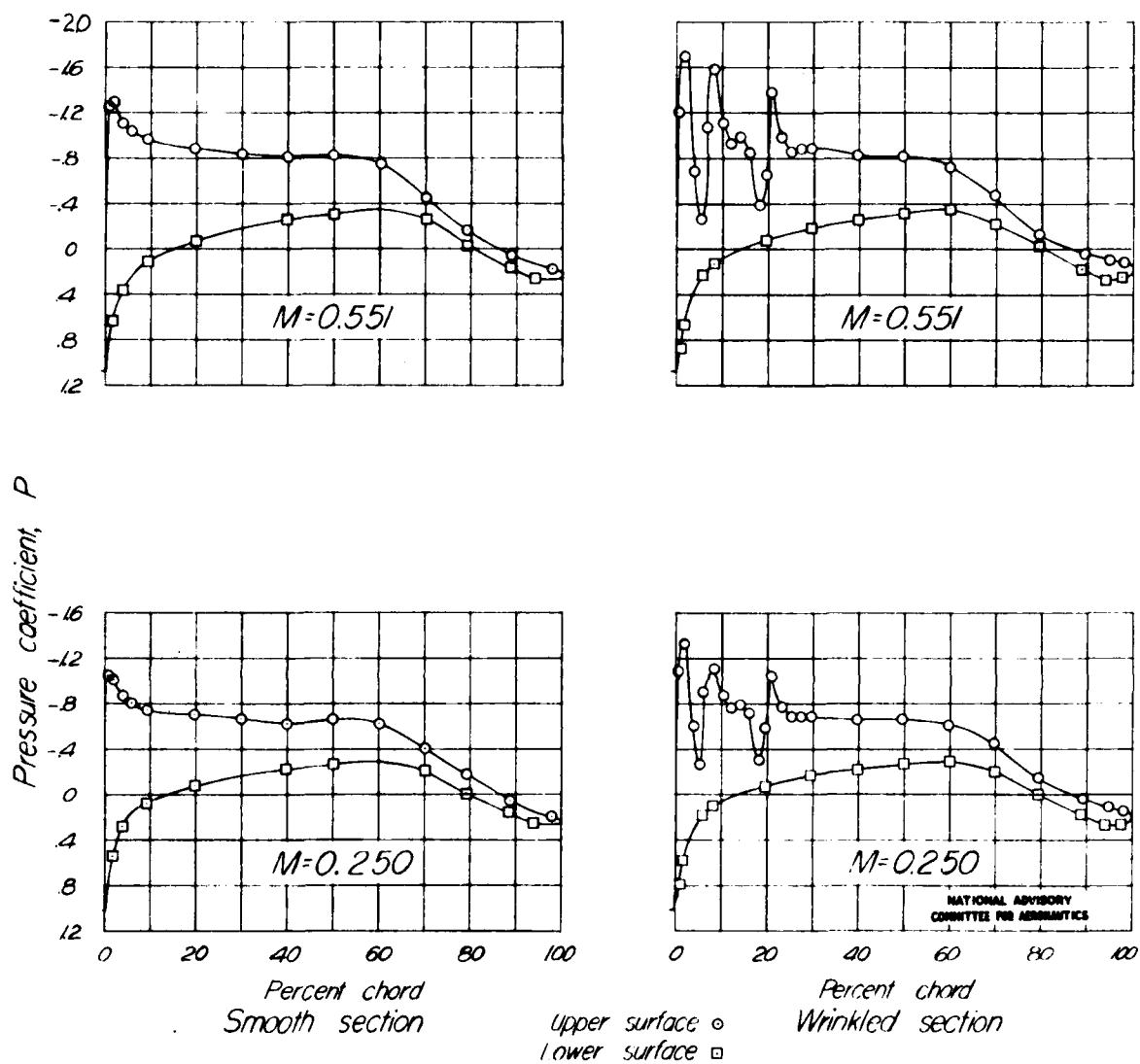


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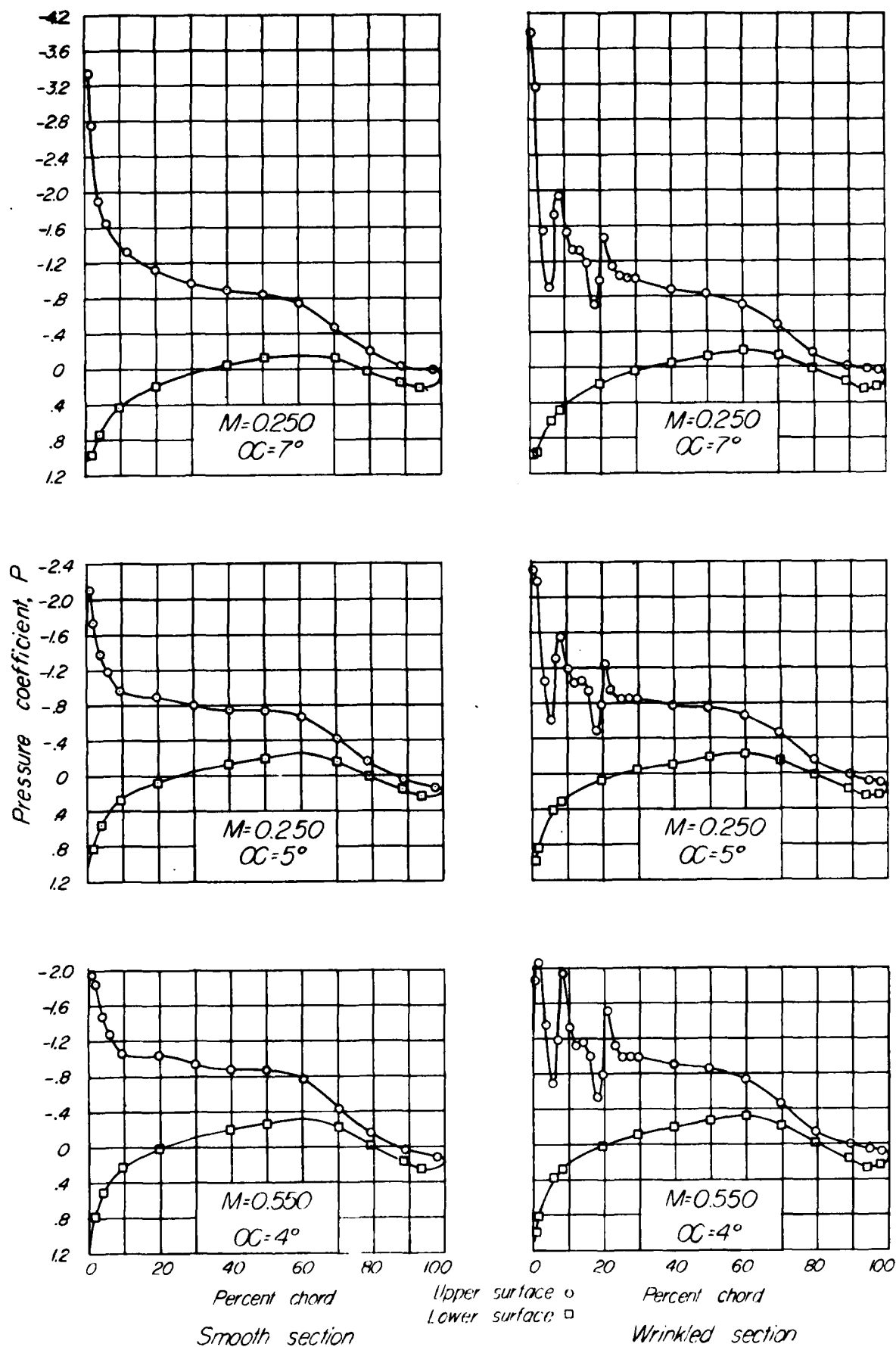


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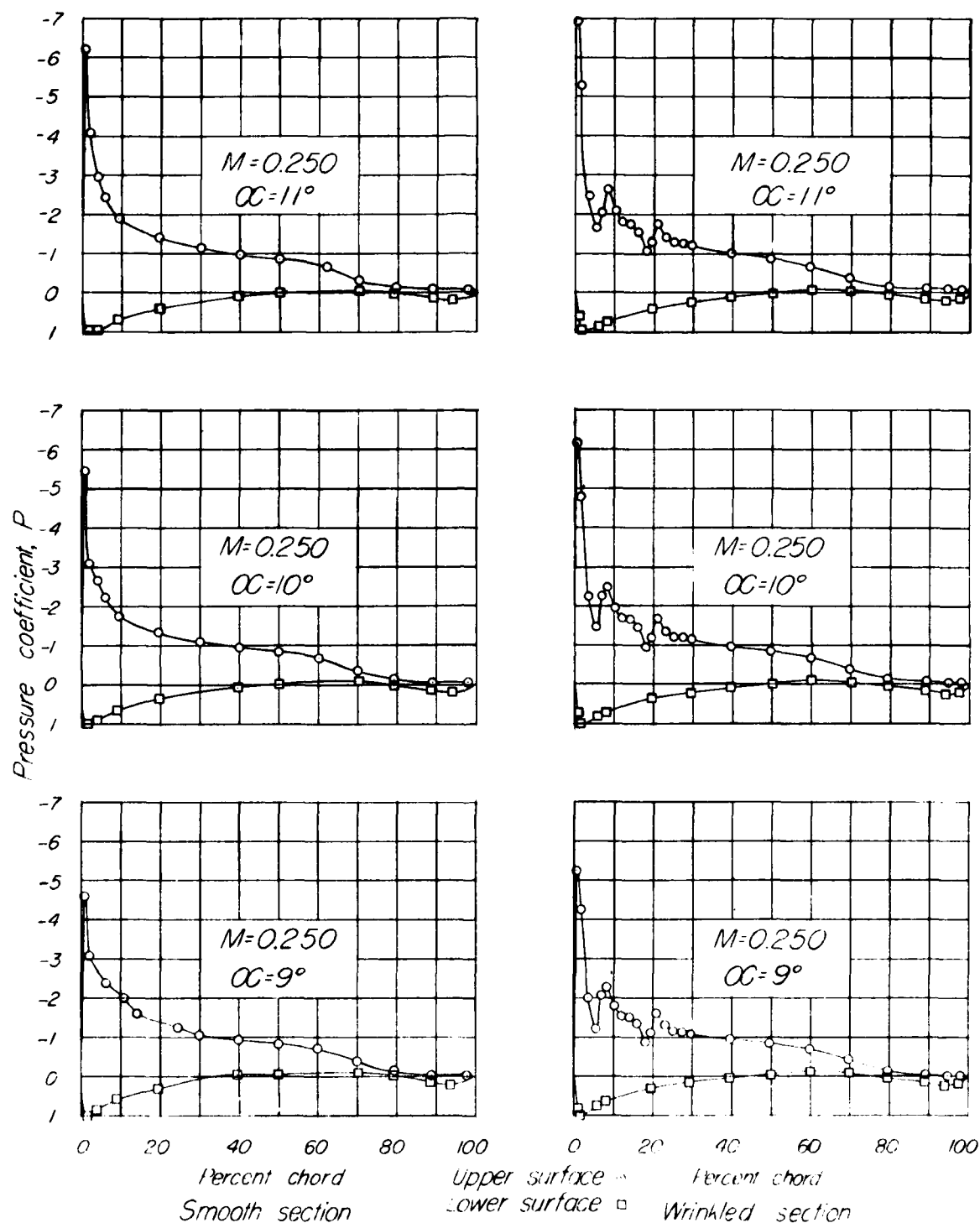


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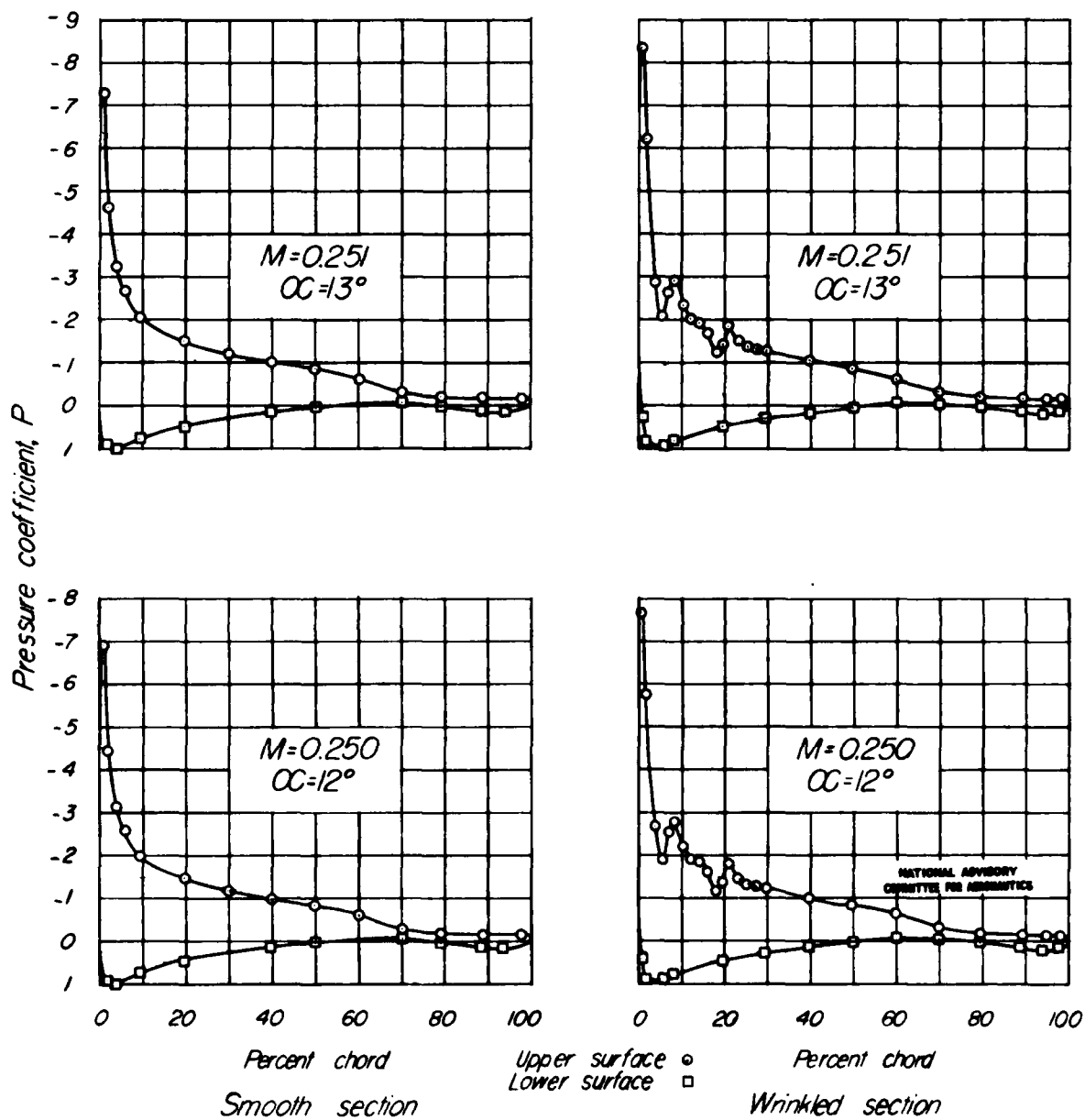


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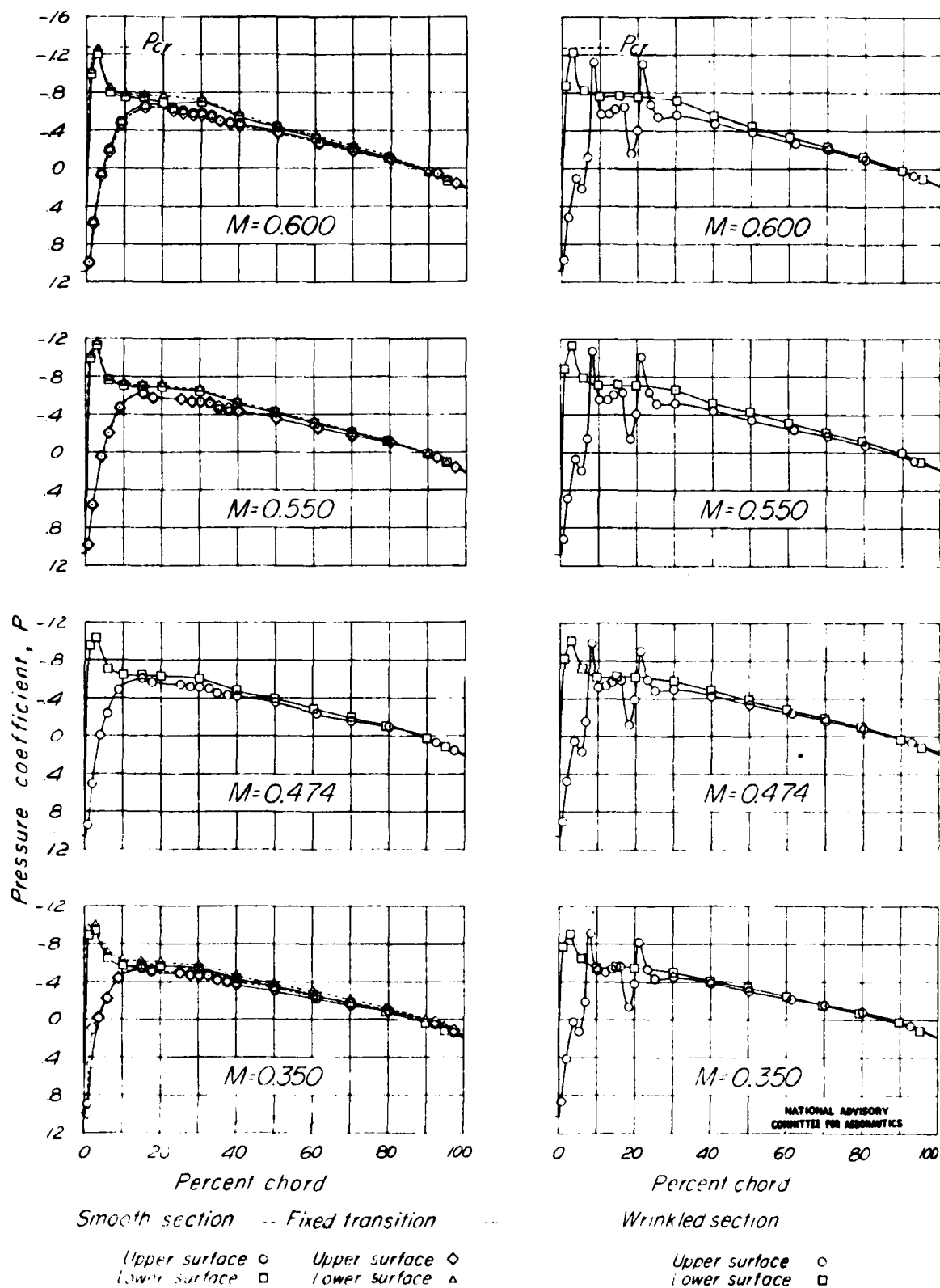


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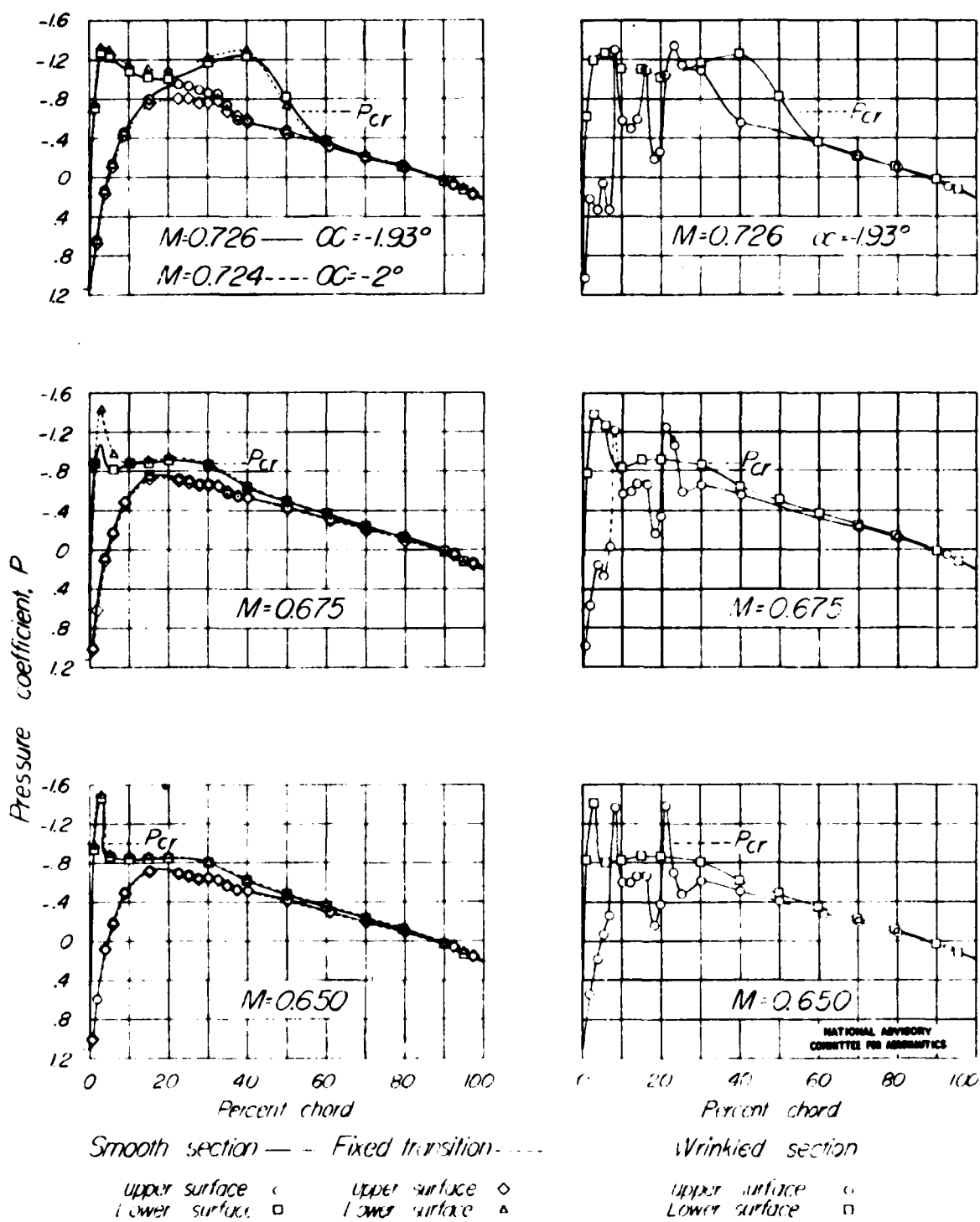


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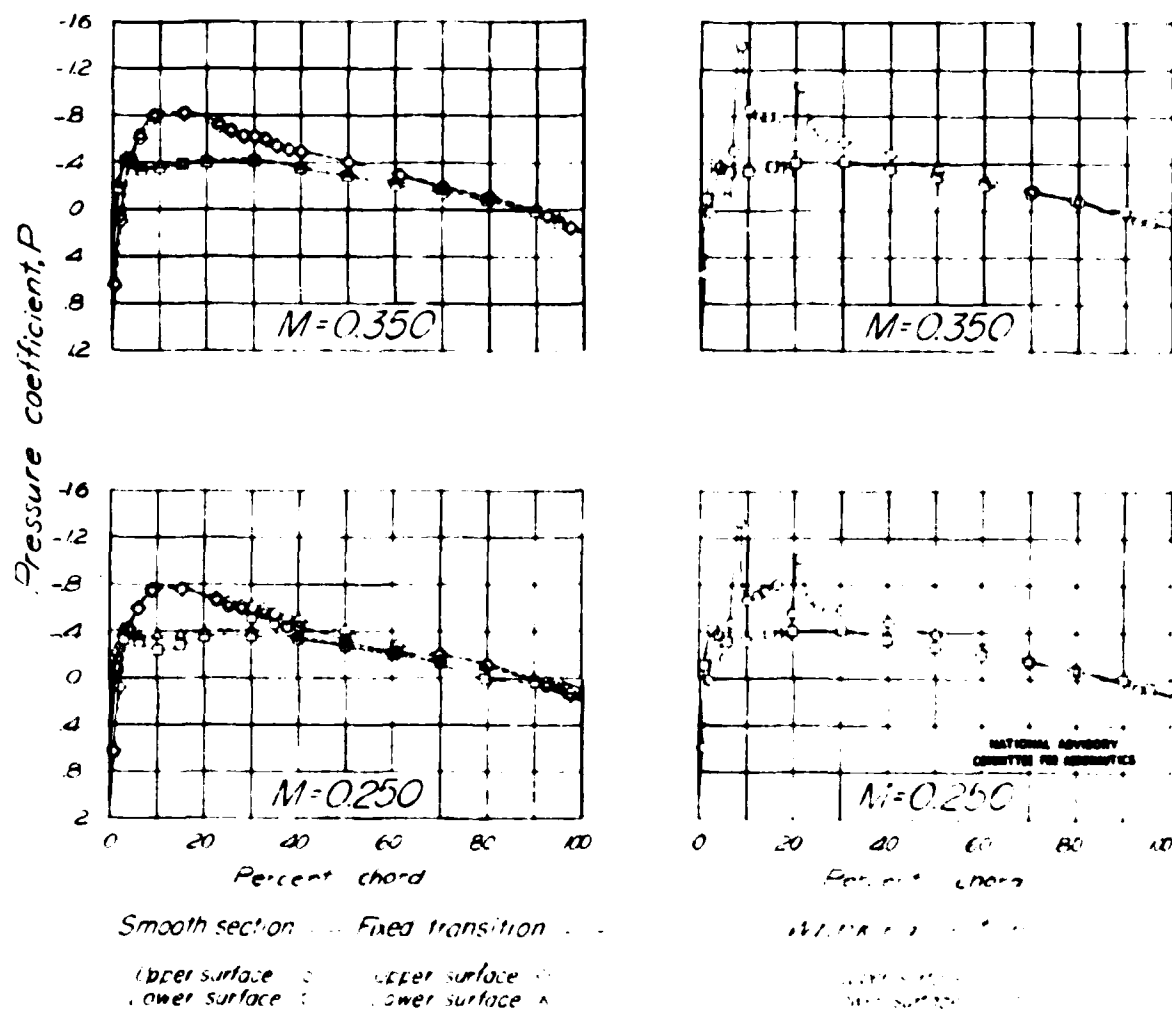


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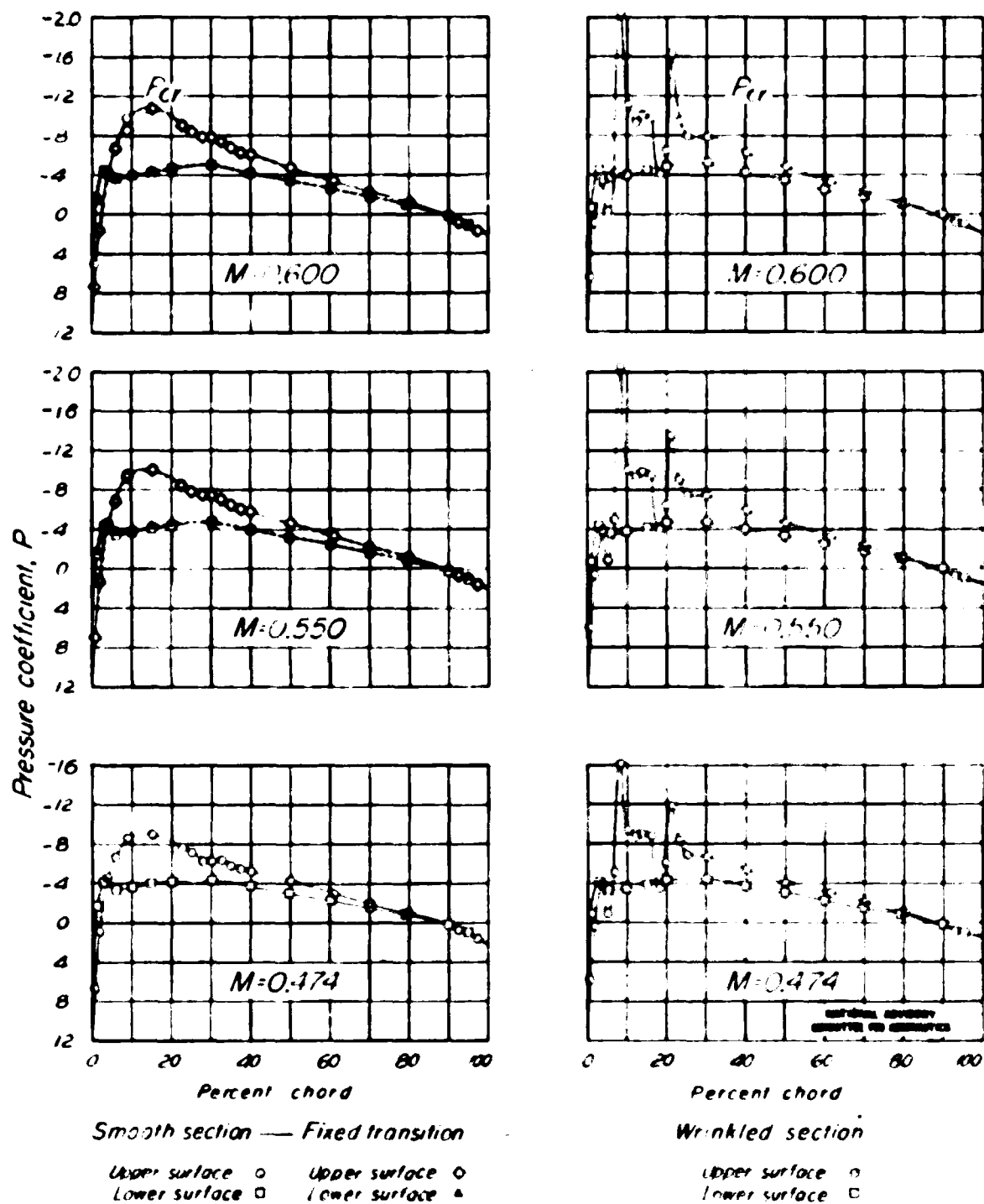


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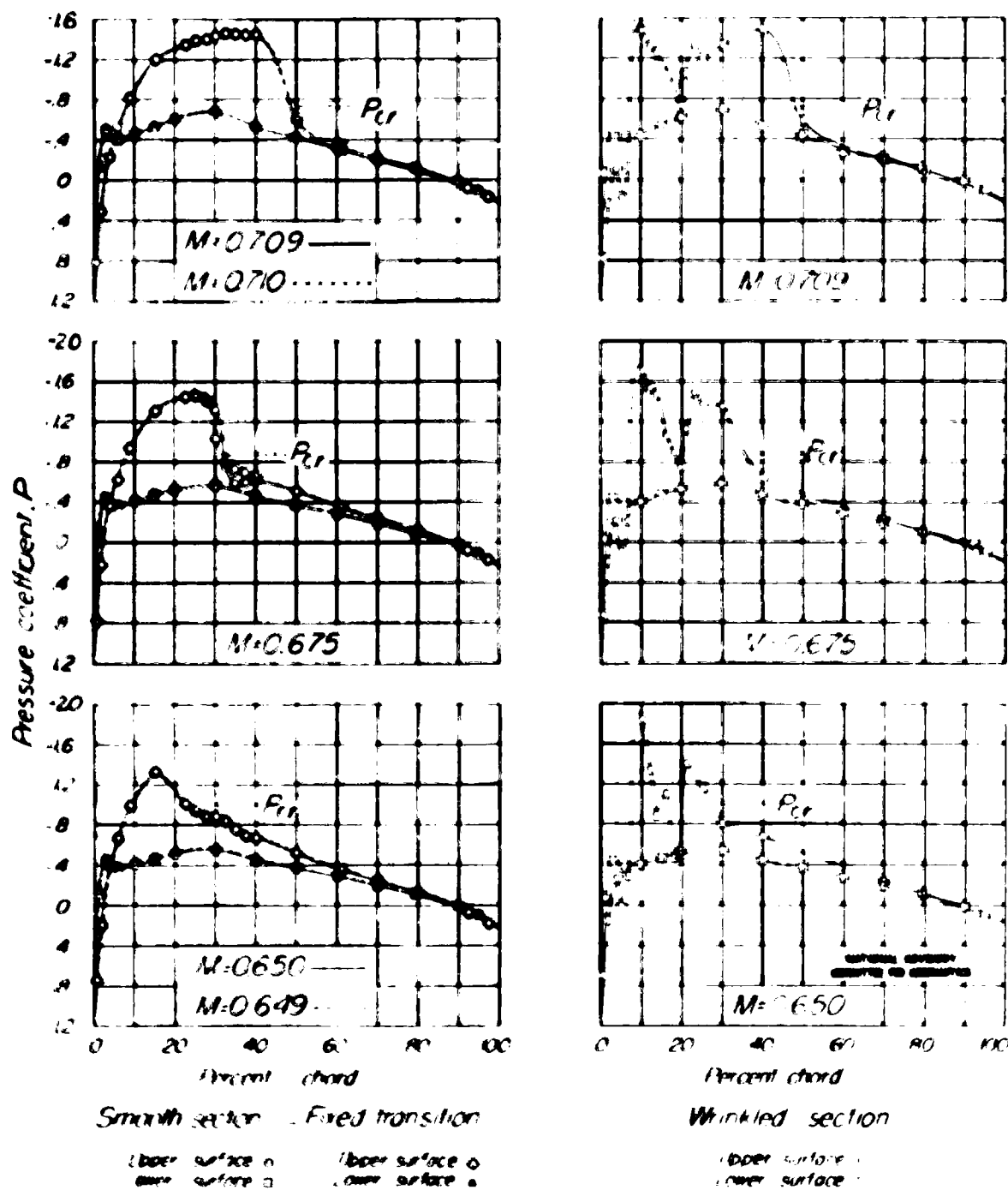
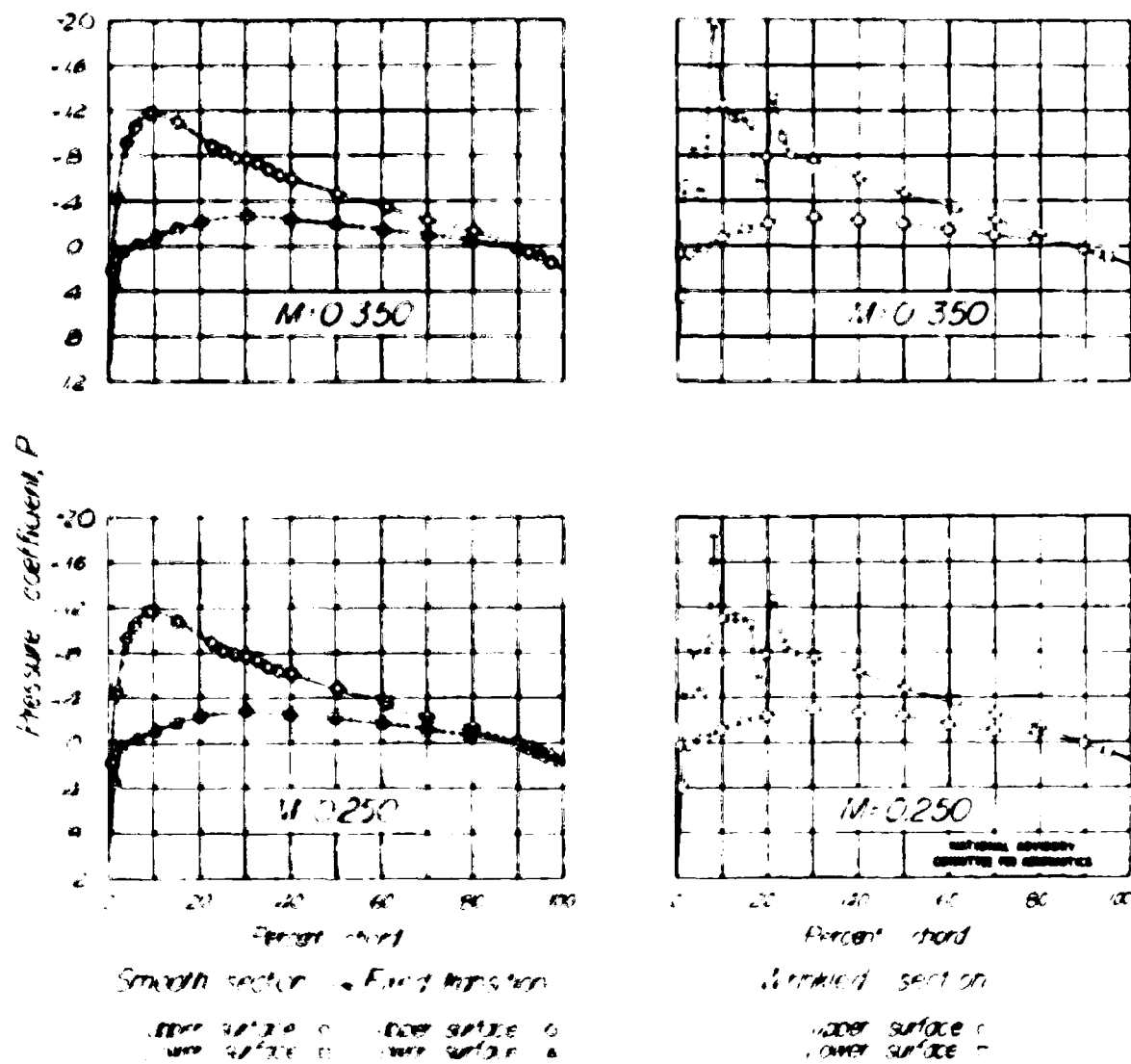


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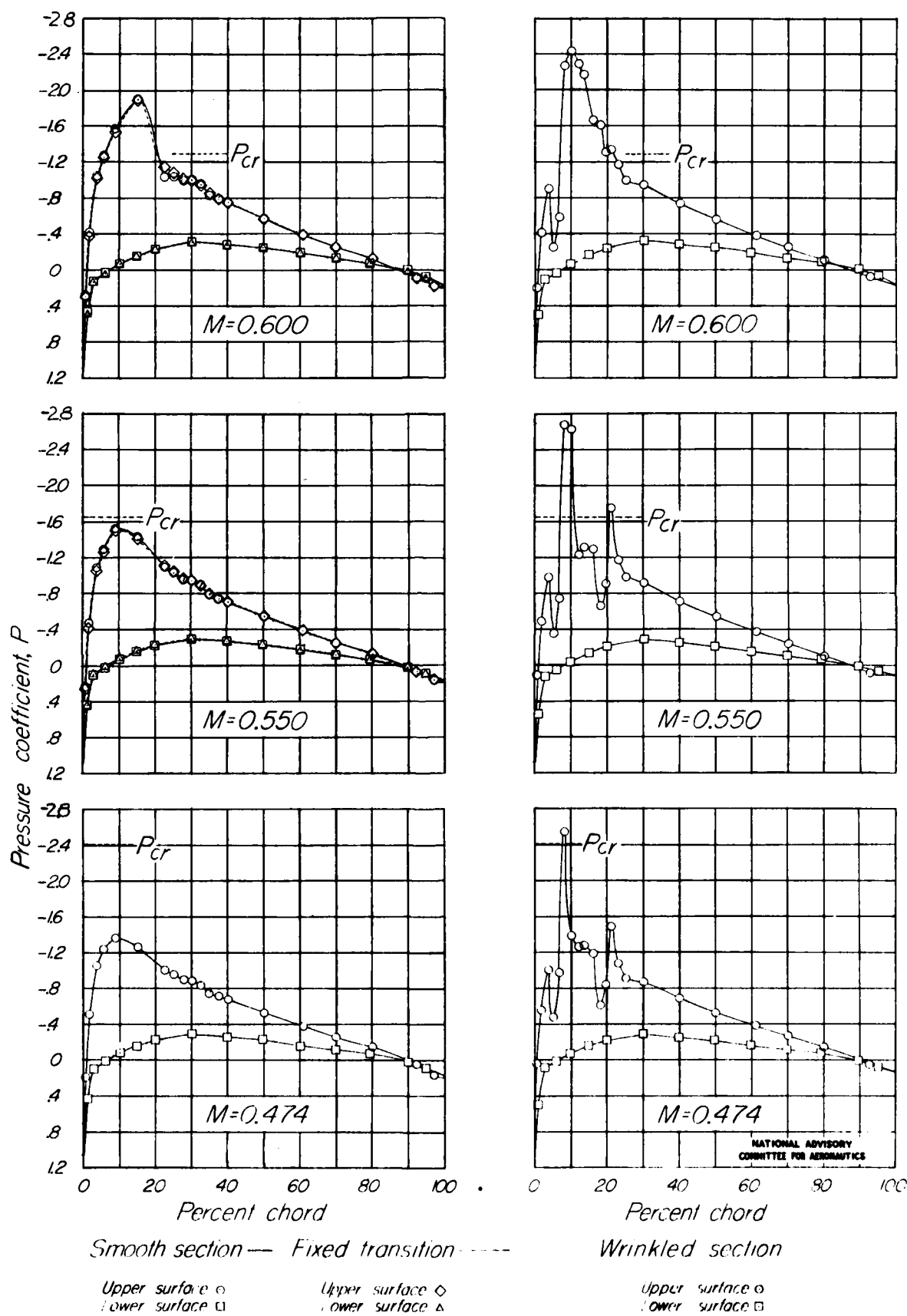


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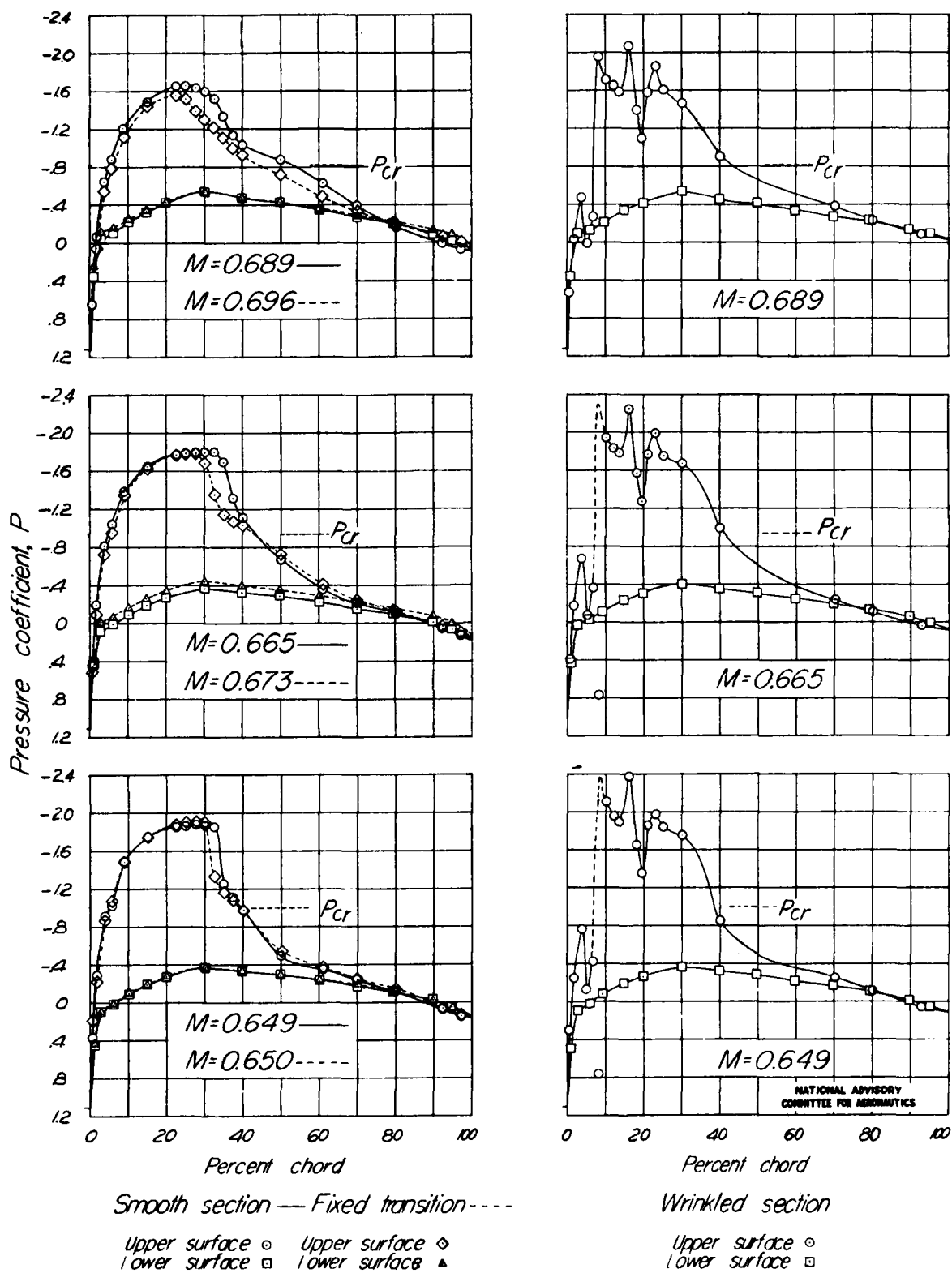
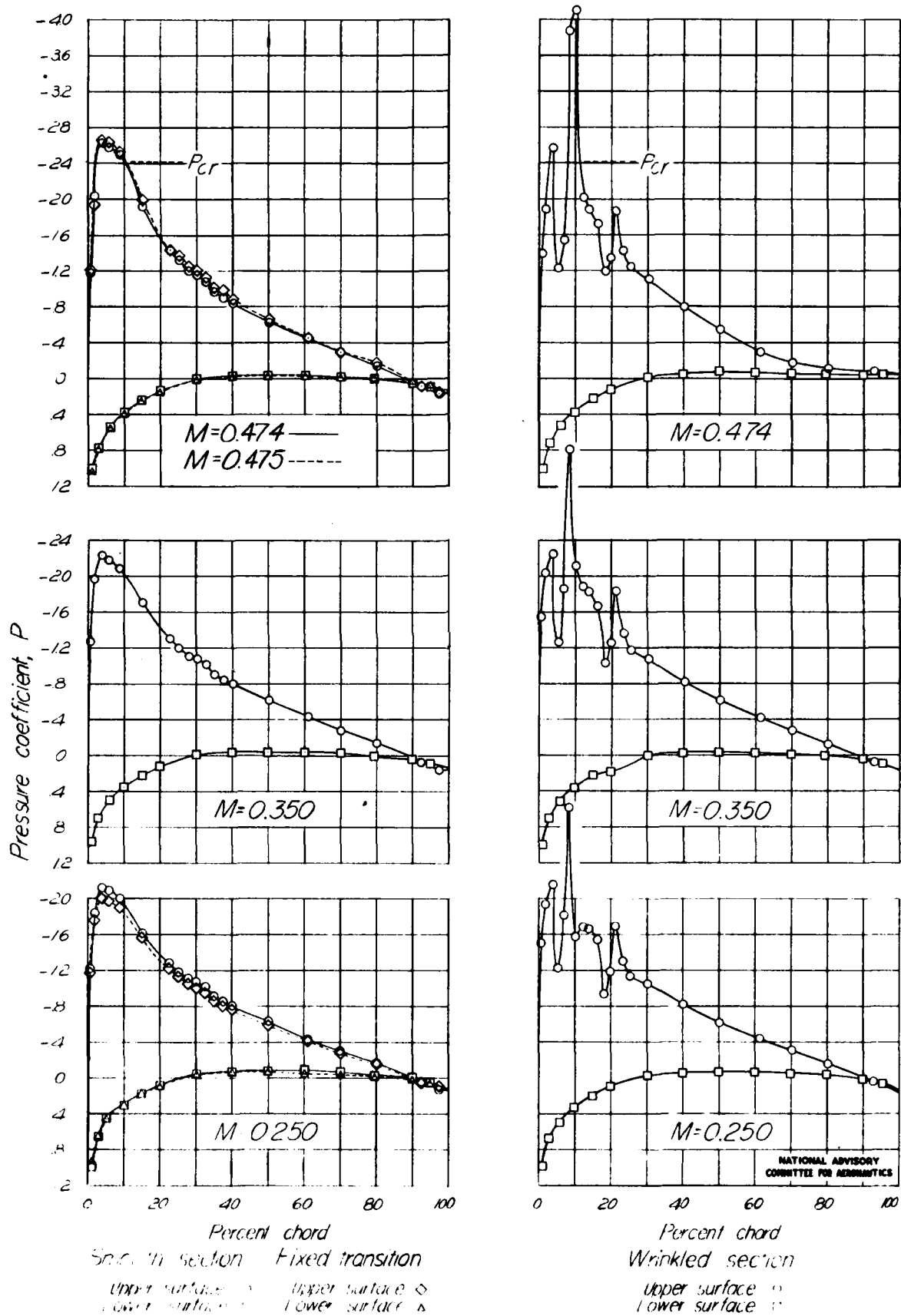
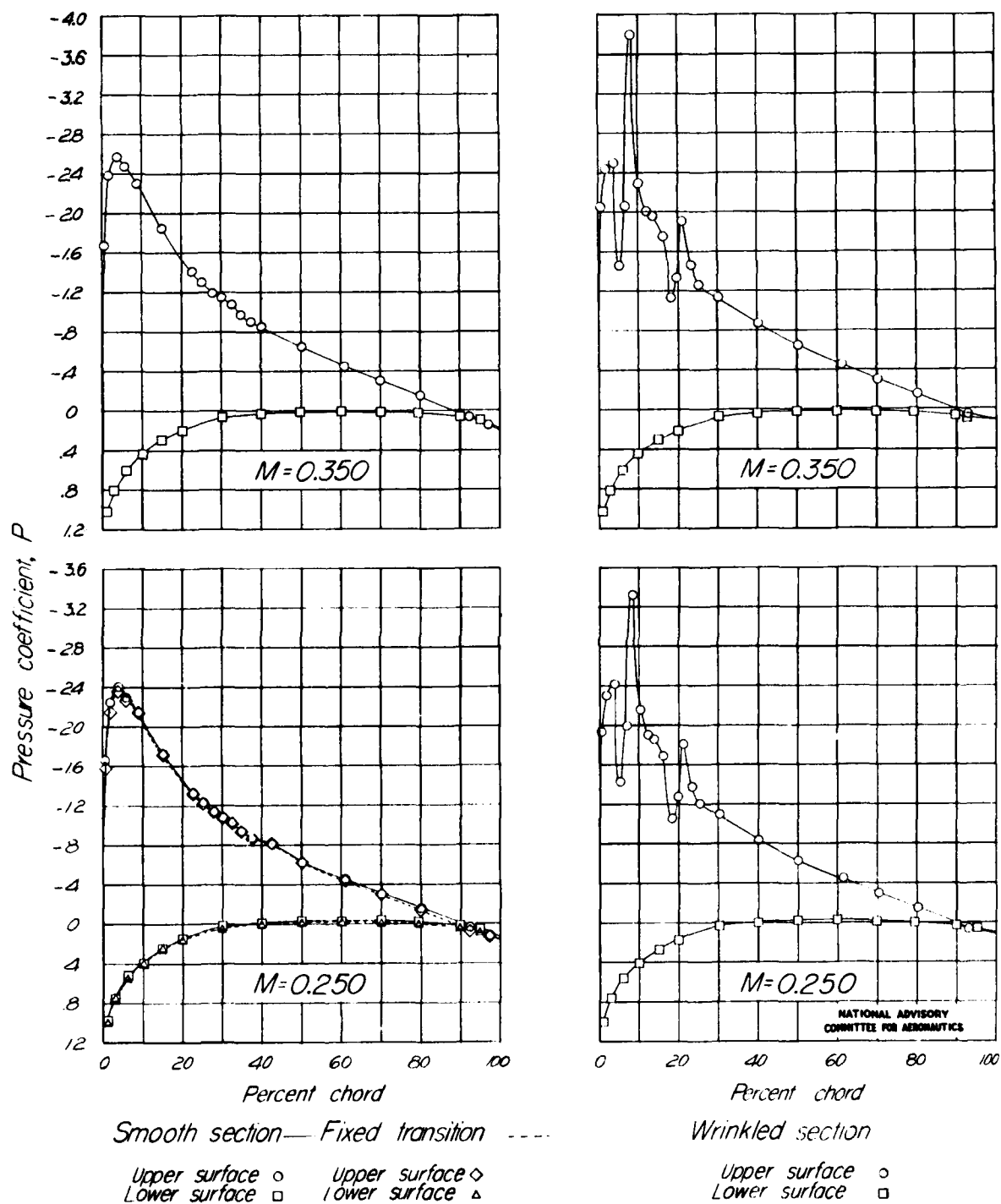


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Figure 17.—Pressure distribution over NACA 23015 airfoil. $\alpha = 7^\circ$

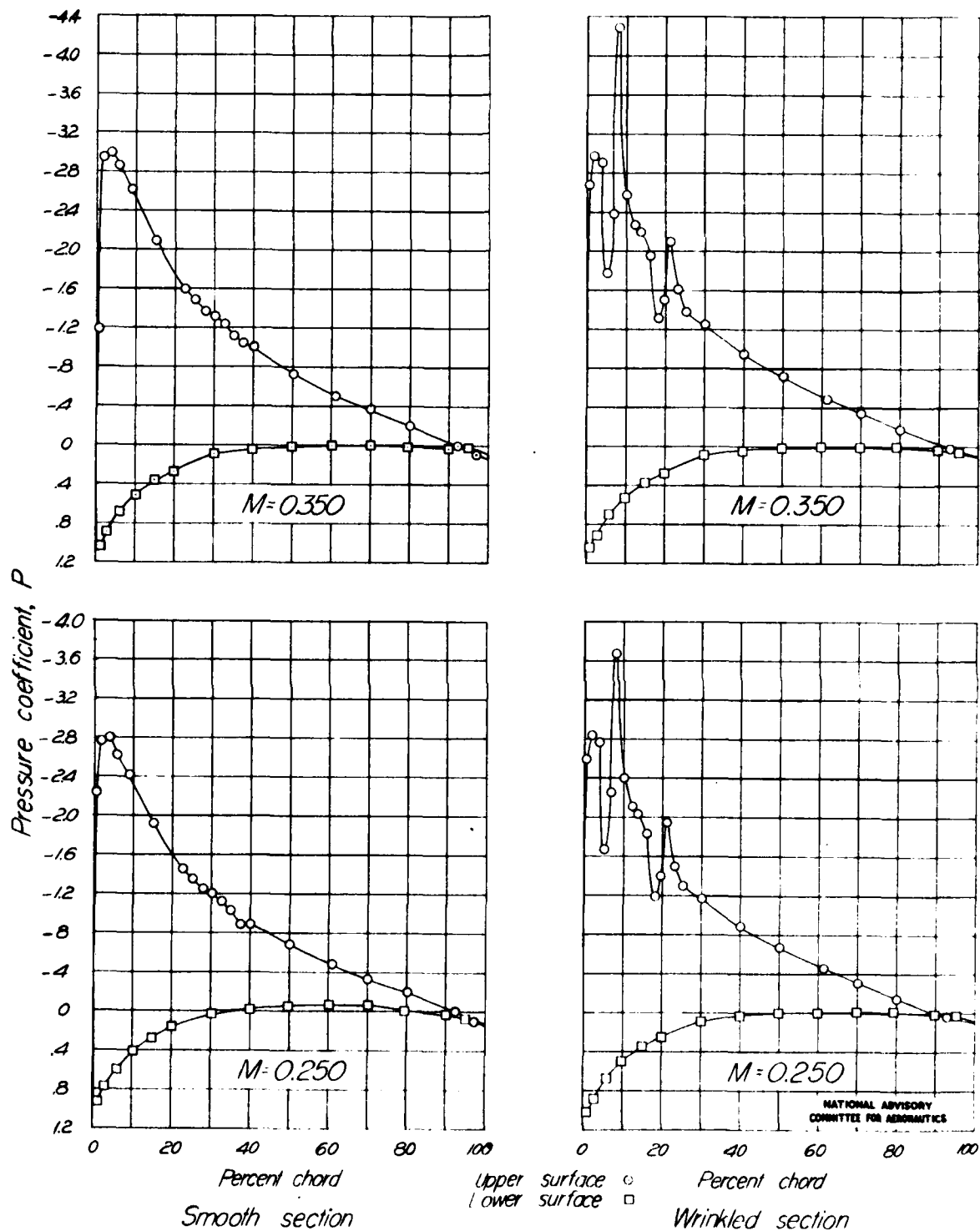


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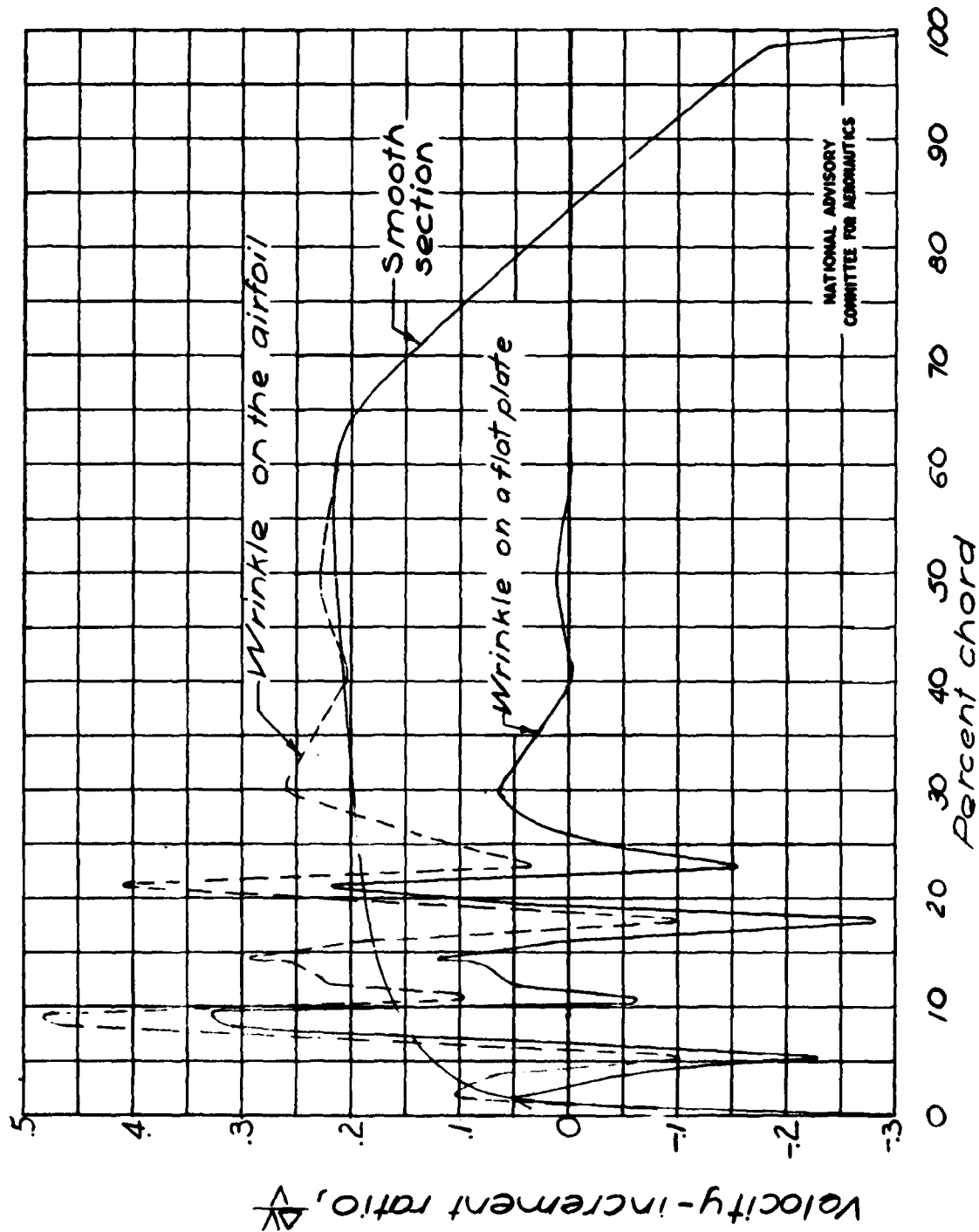


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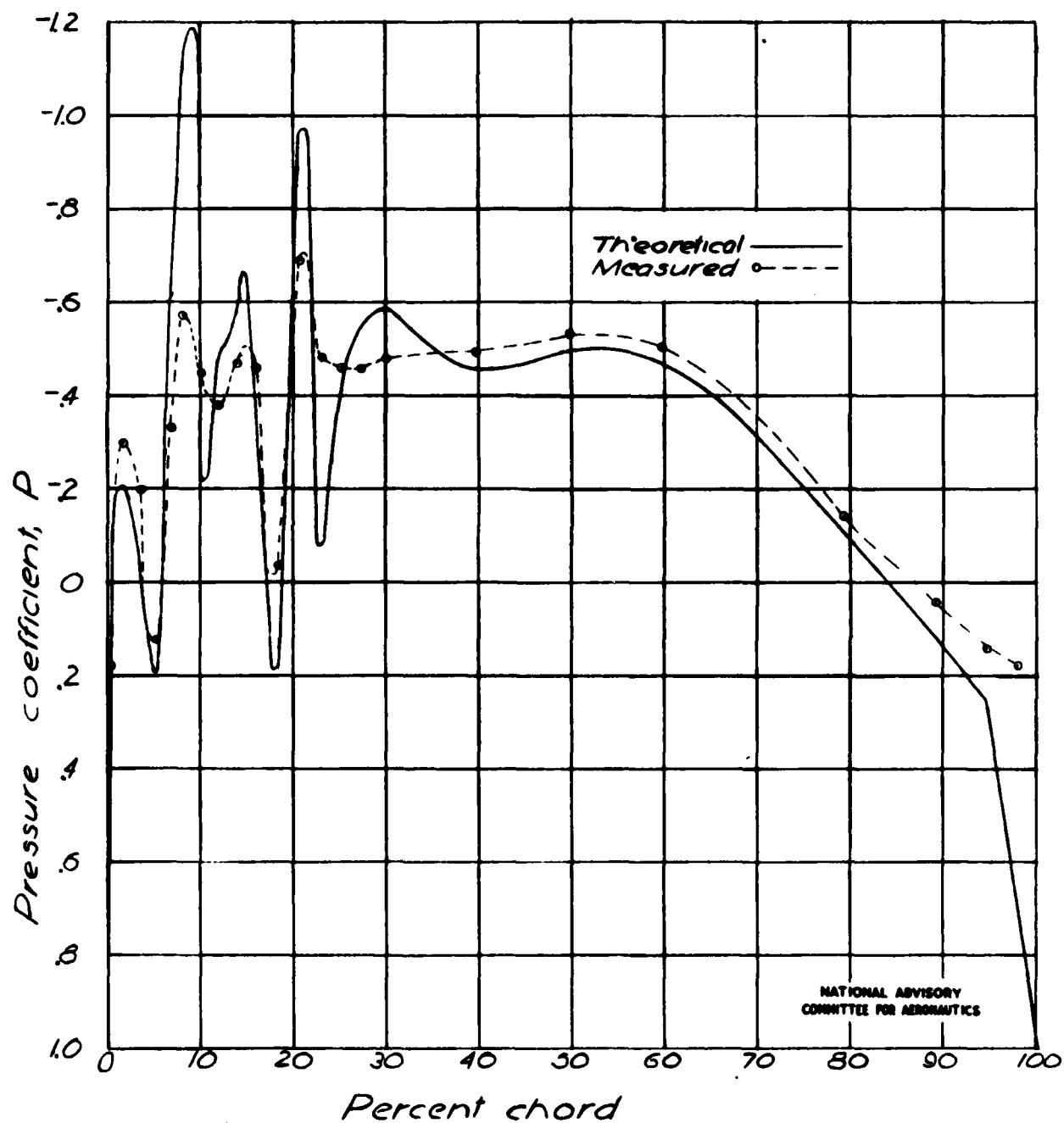


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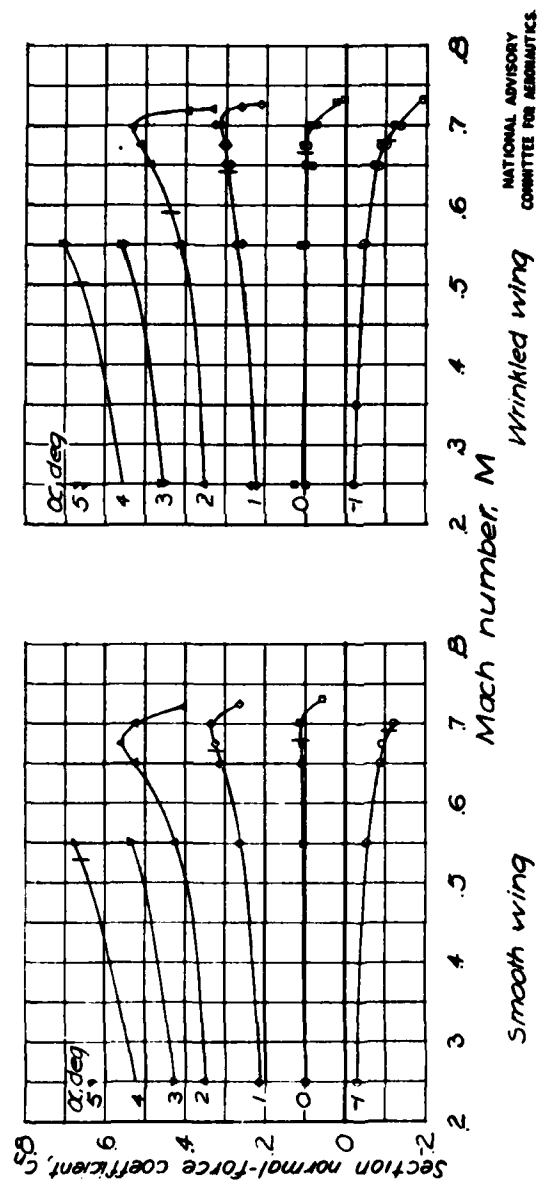
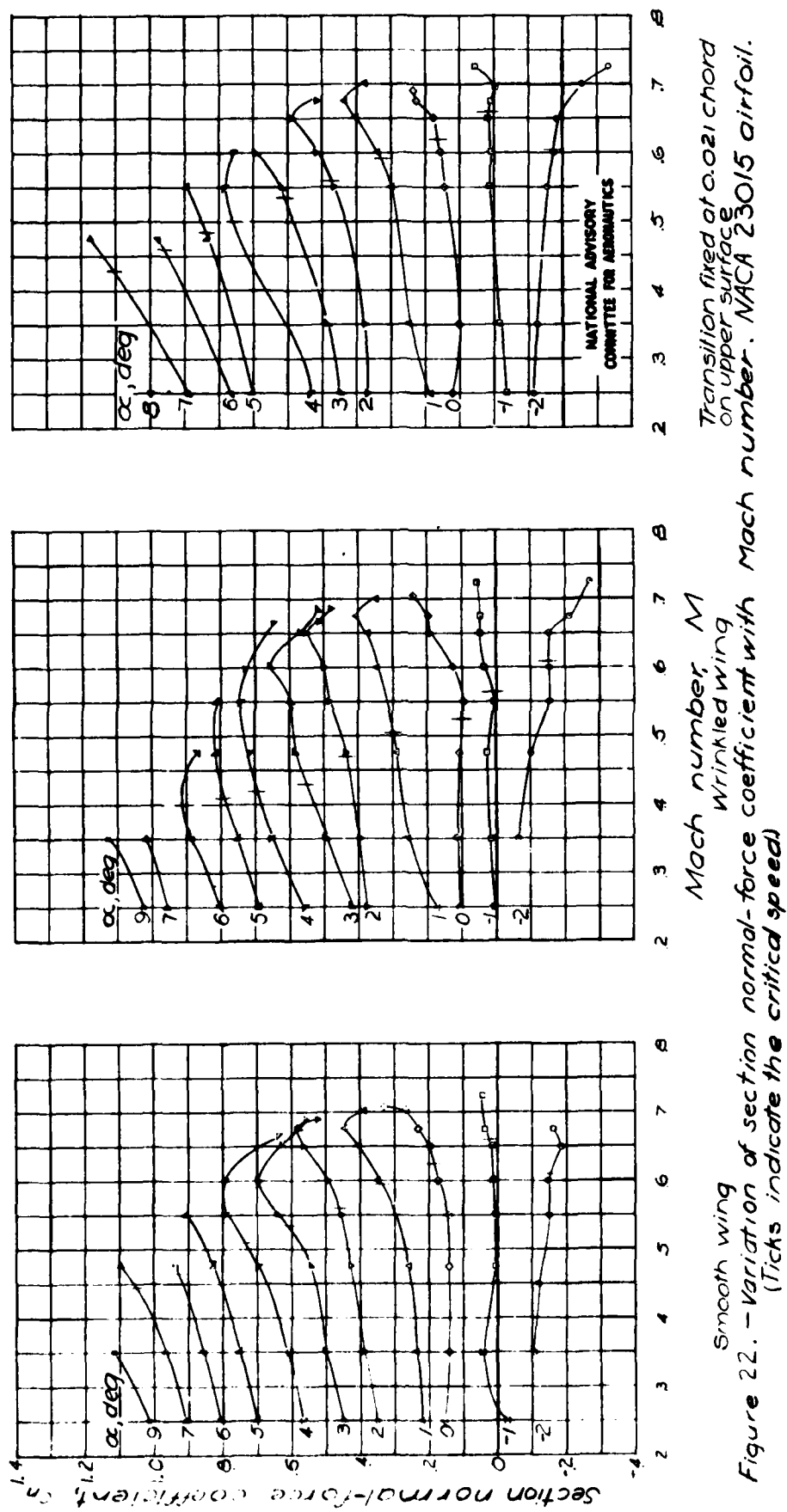


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NACA 66,1-115 airfoil. (Ticks indicate the critical speed.)



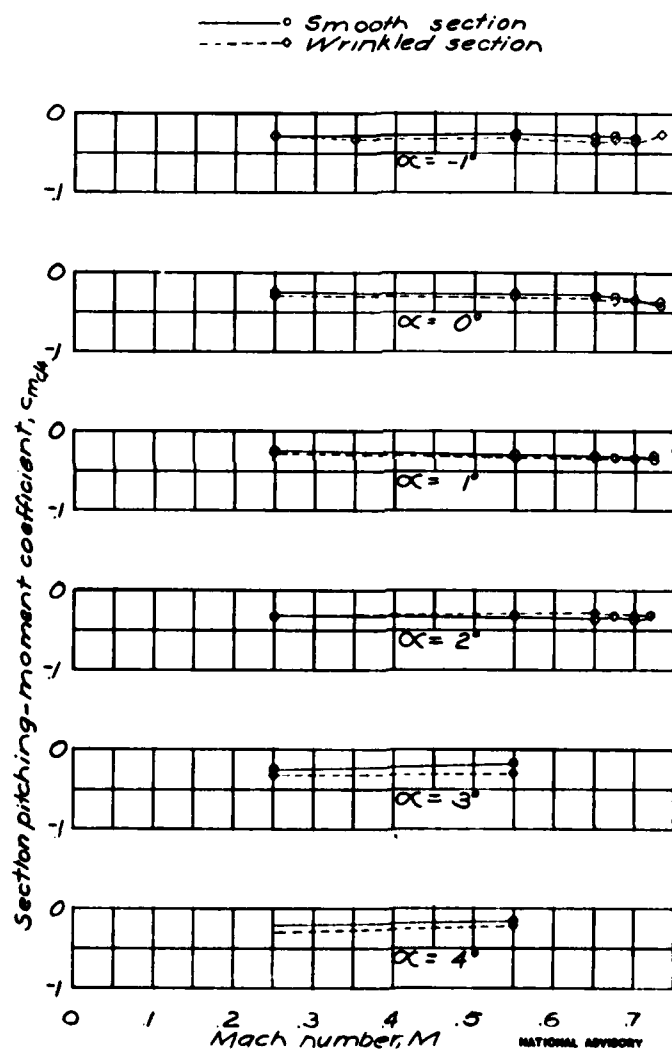


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NACA 651-115 airfoil.

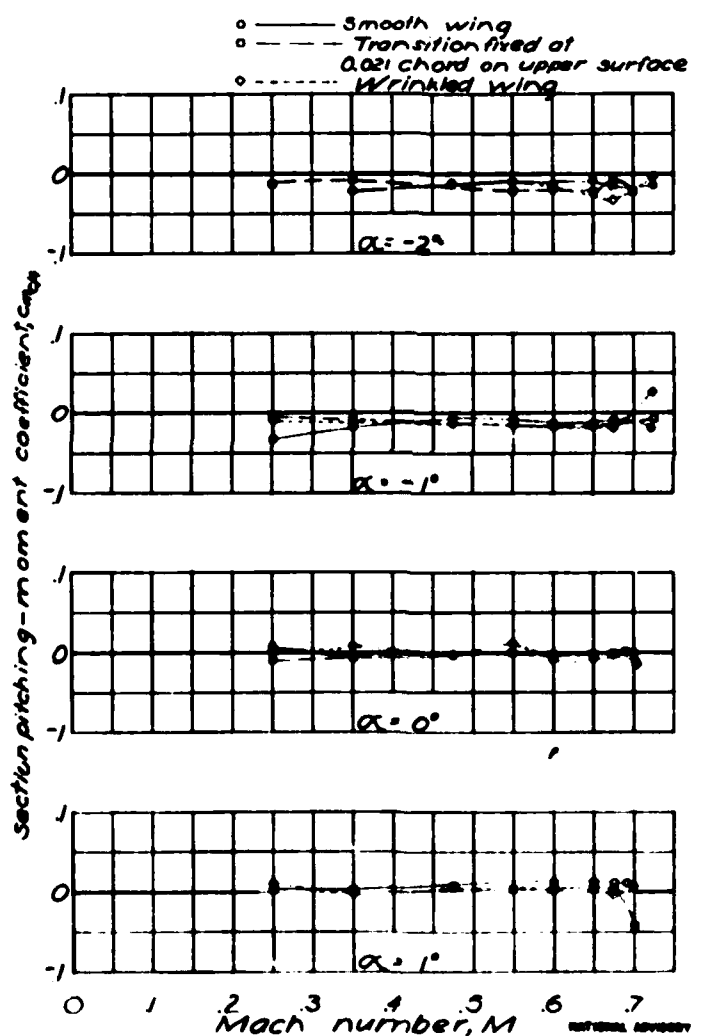
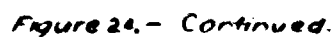


Figure 24. - Variation of section pitching-moment coefficient with Mach number.
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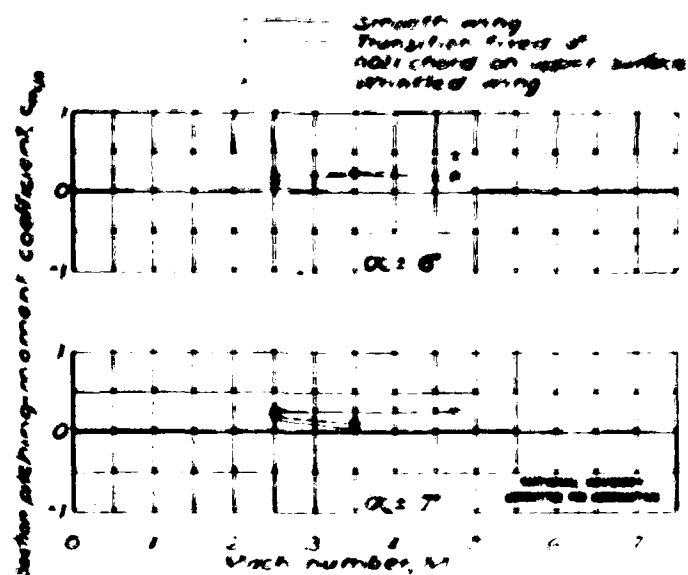


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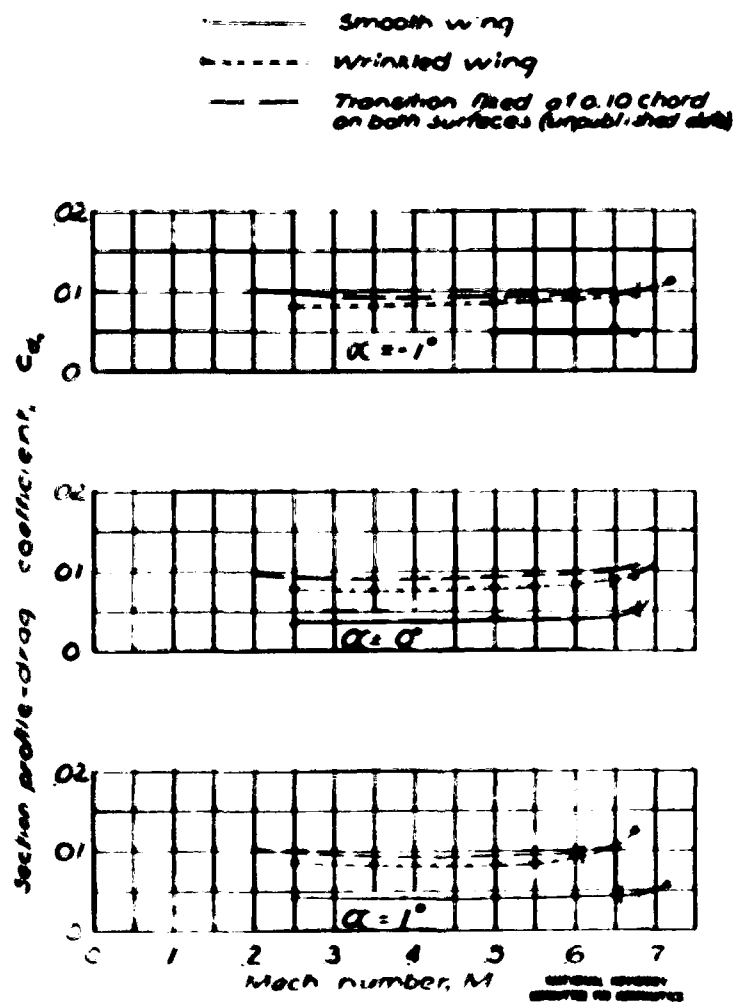


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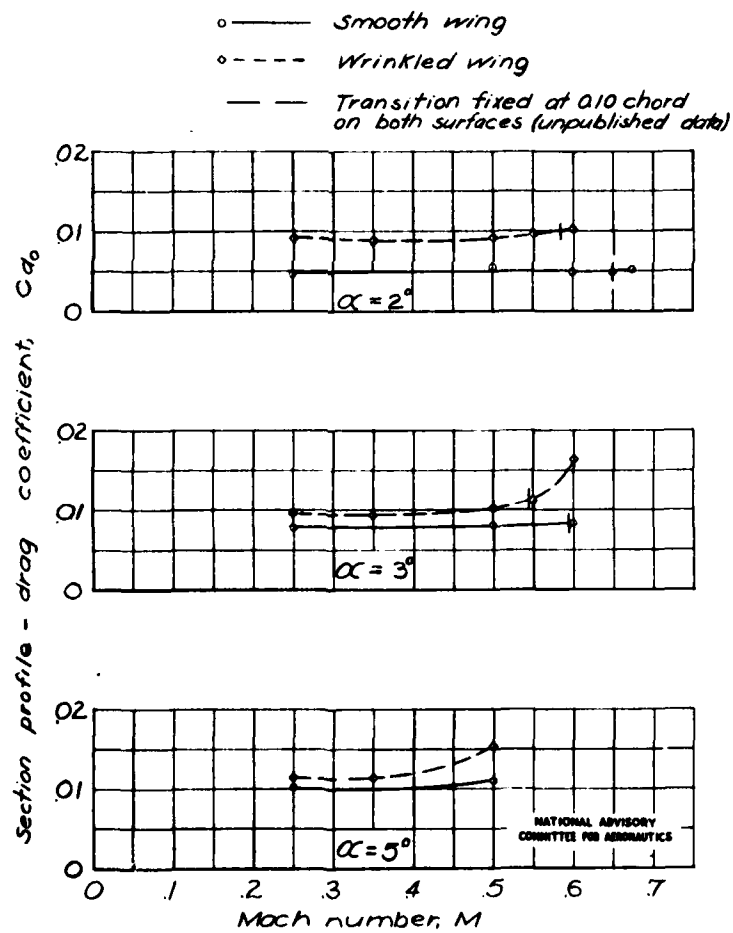


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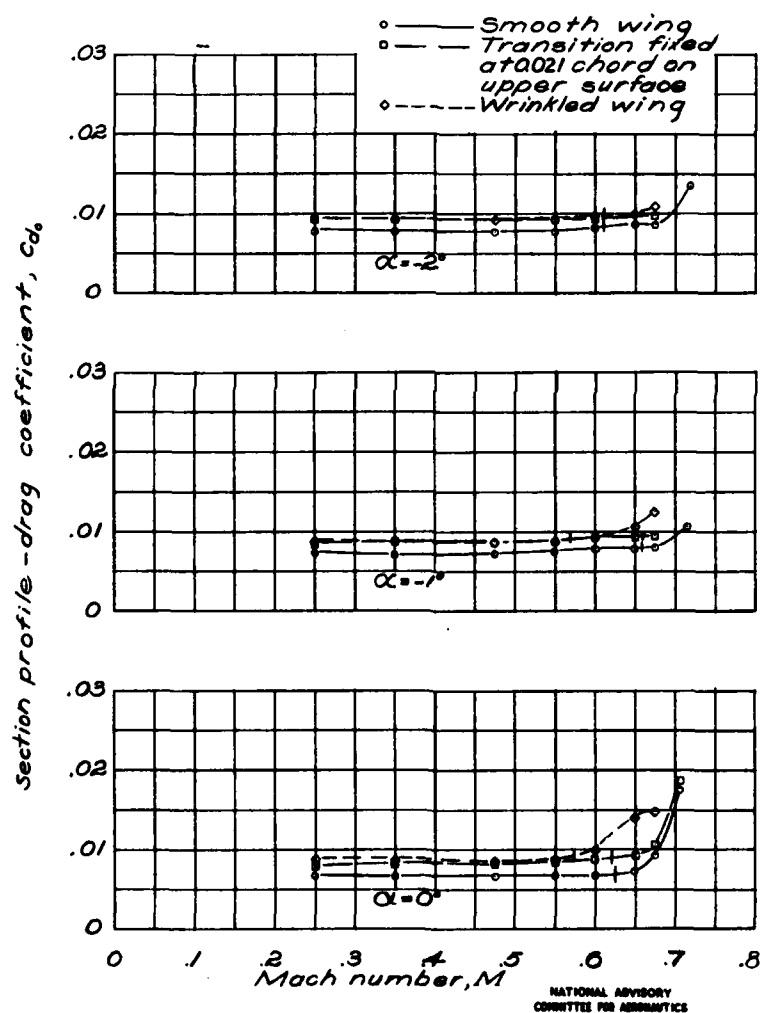


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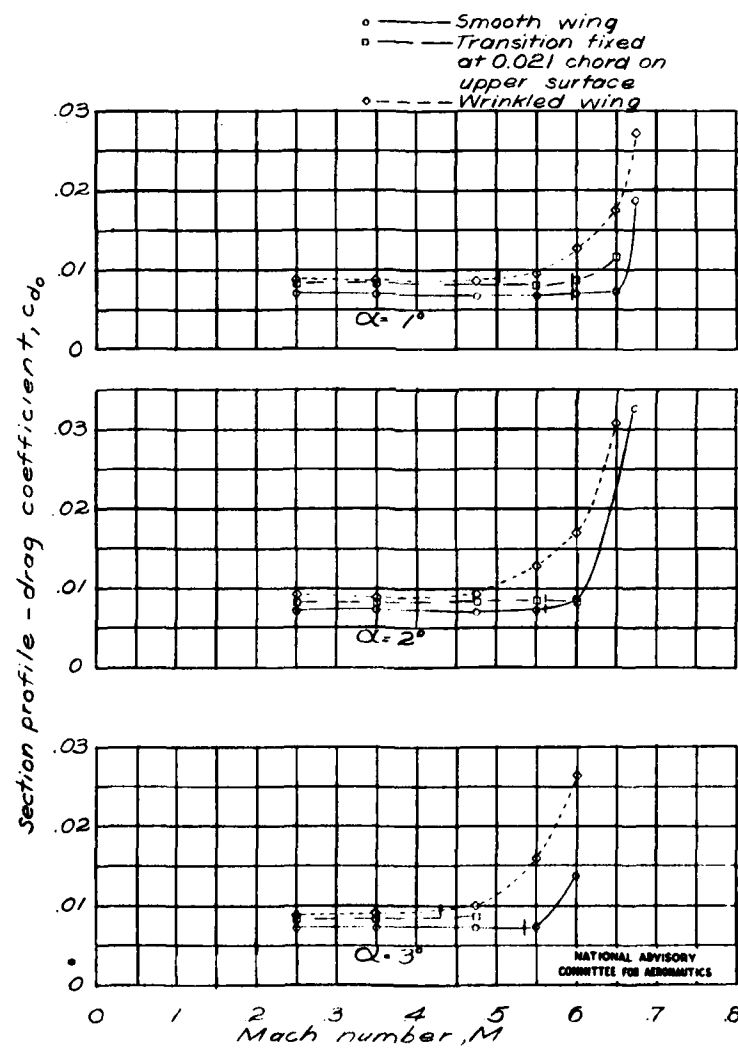


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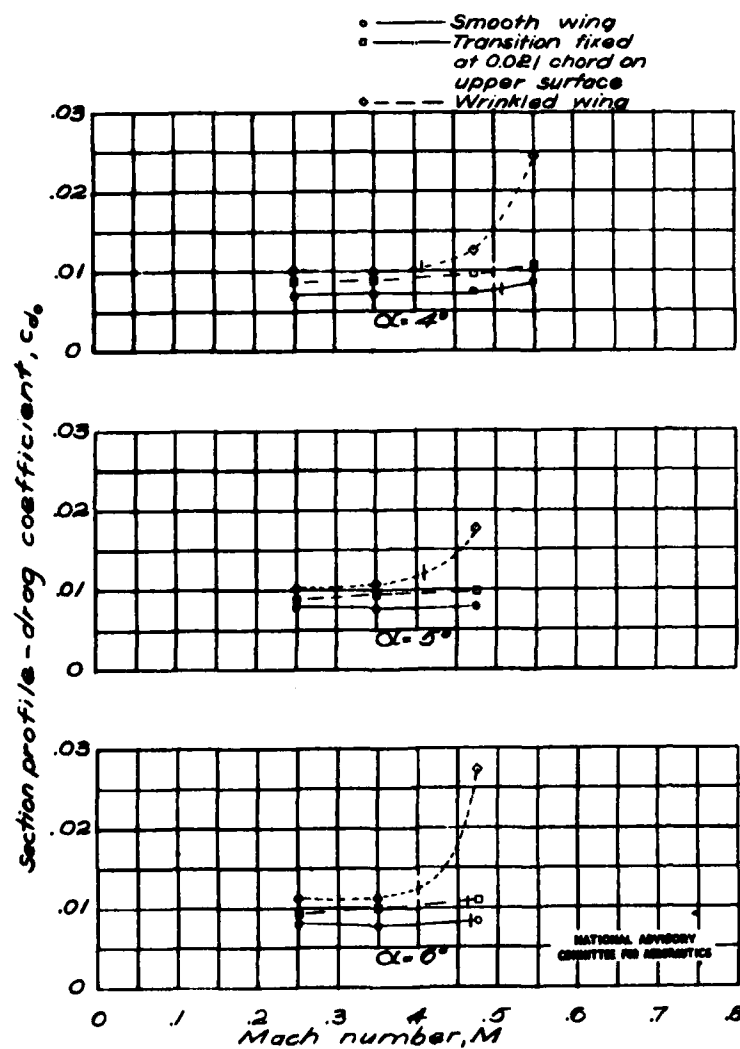


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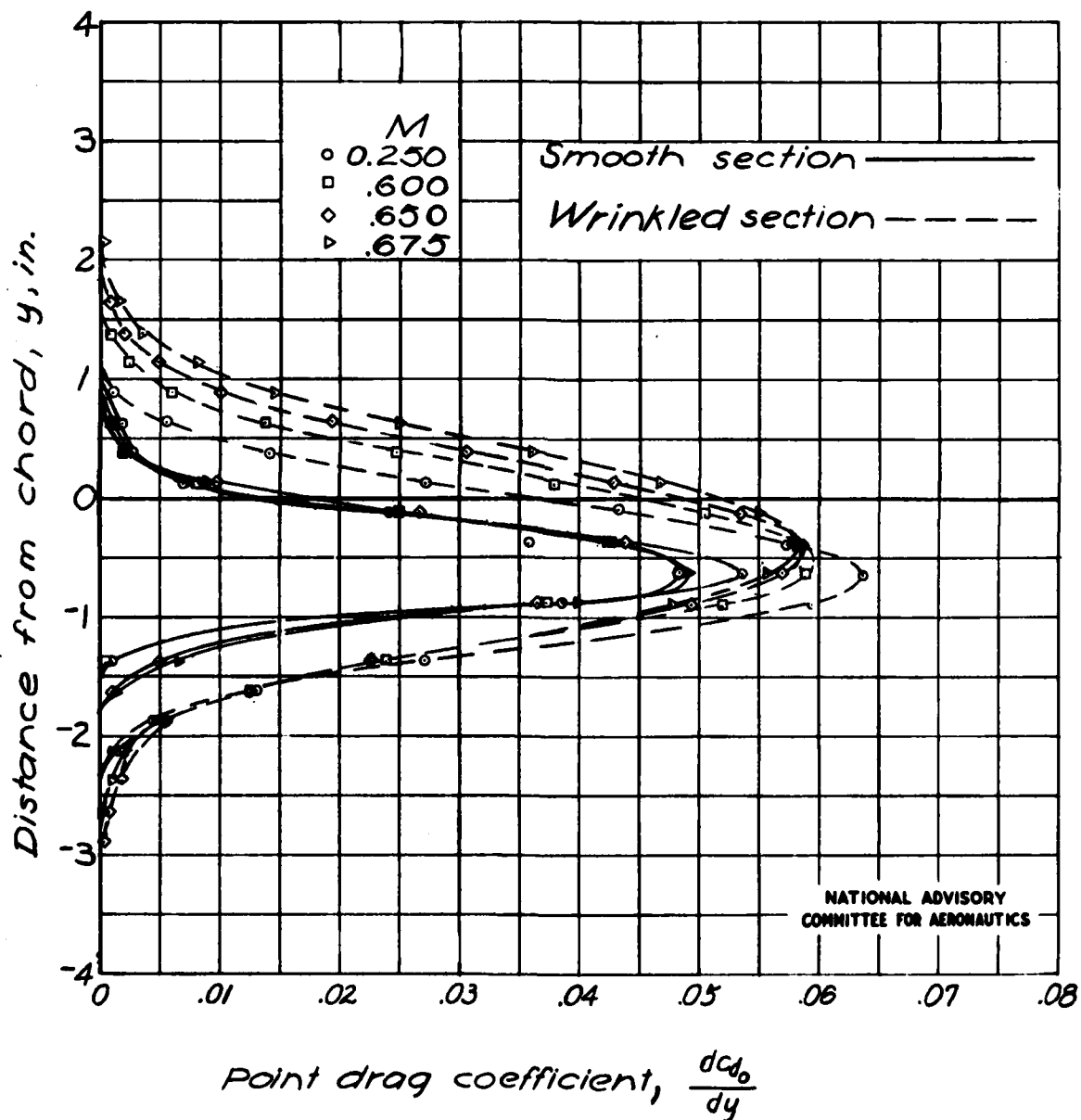


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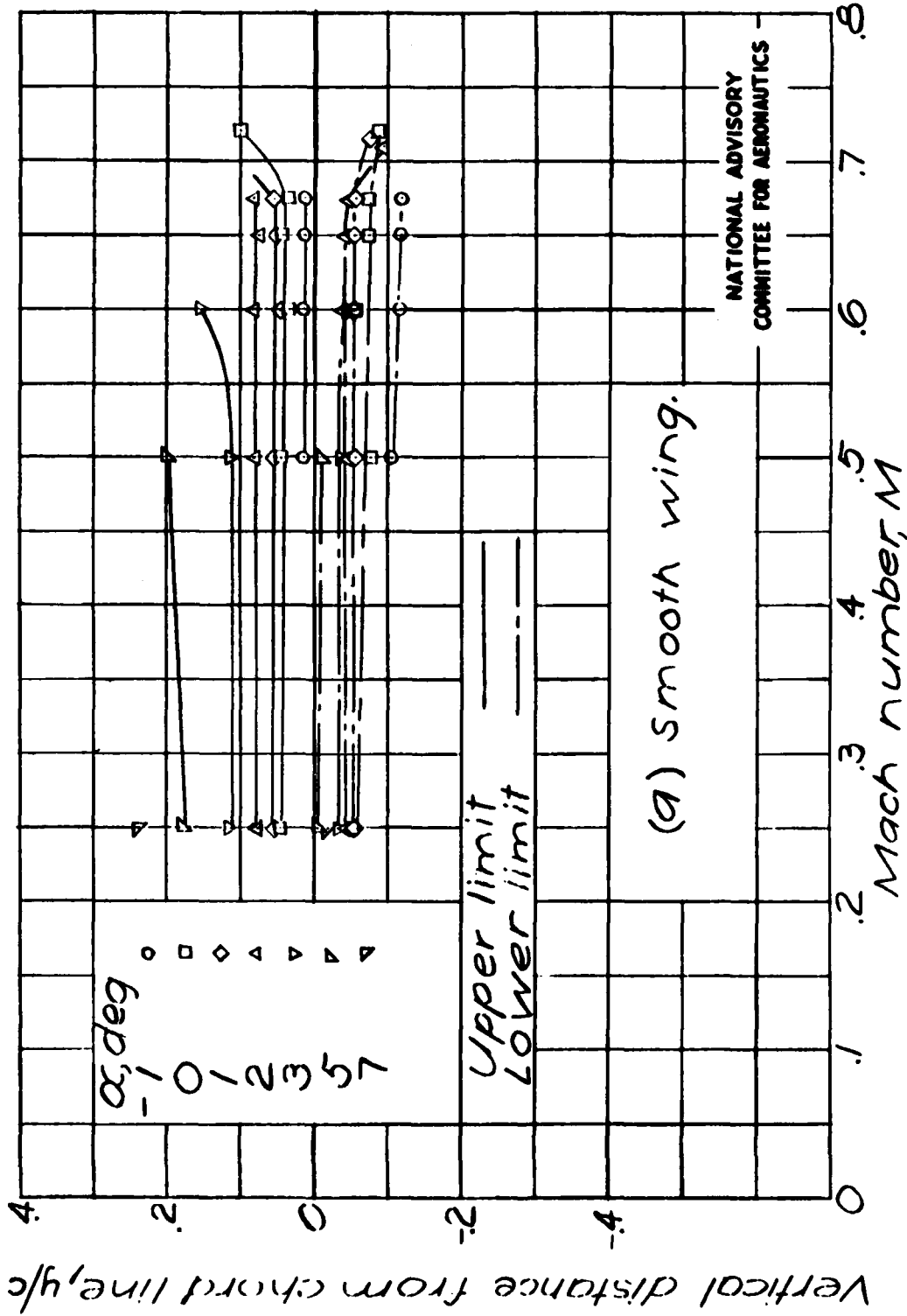


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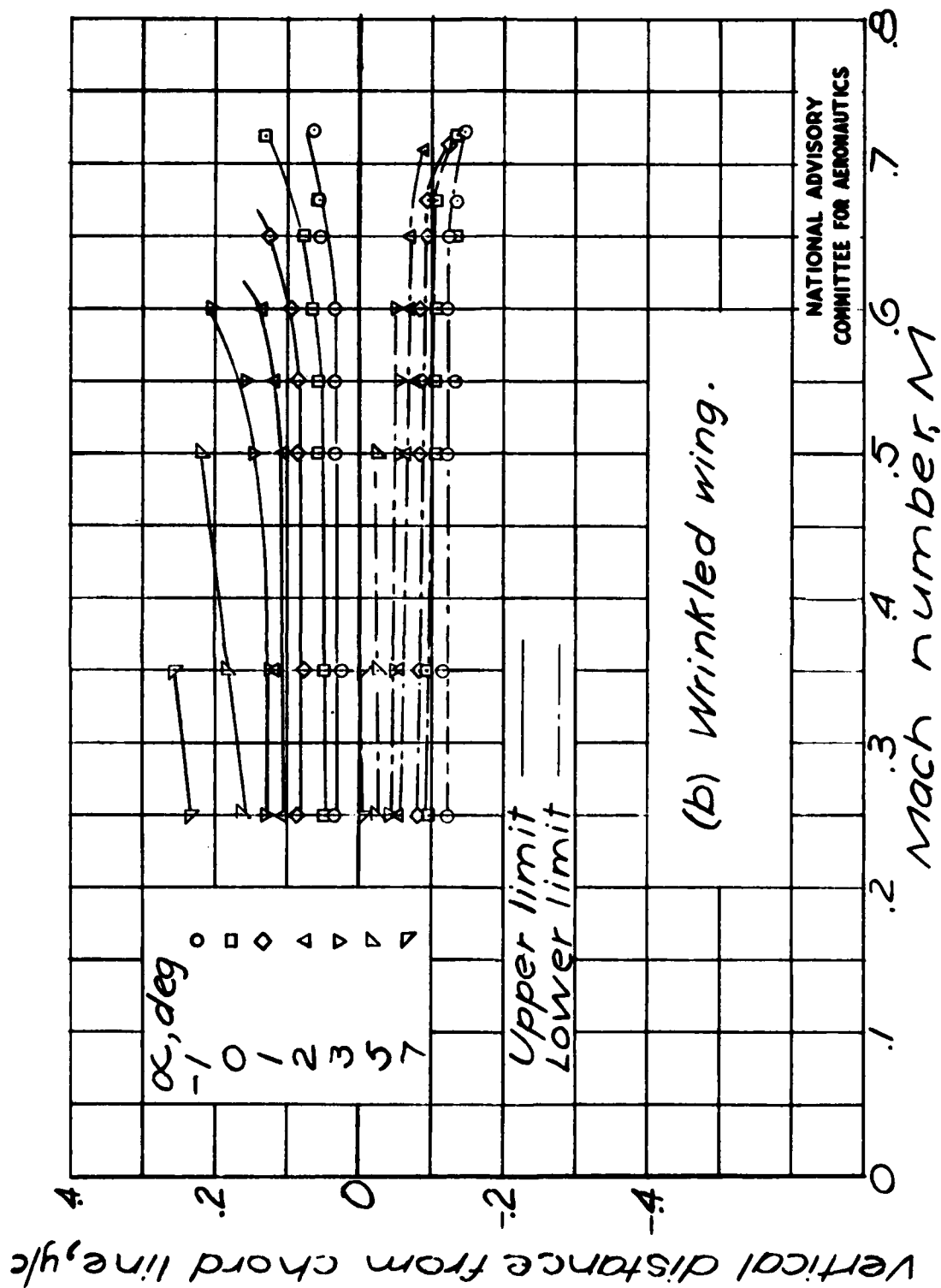


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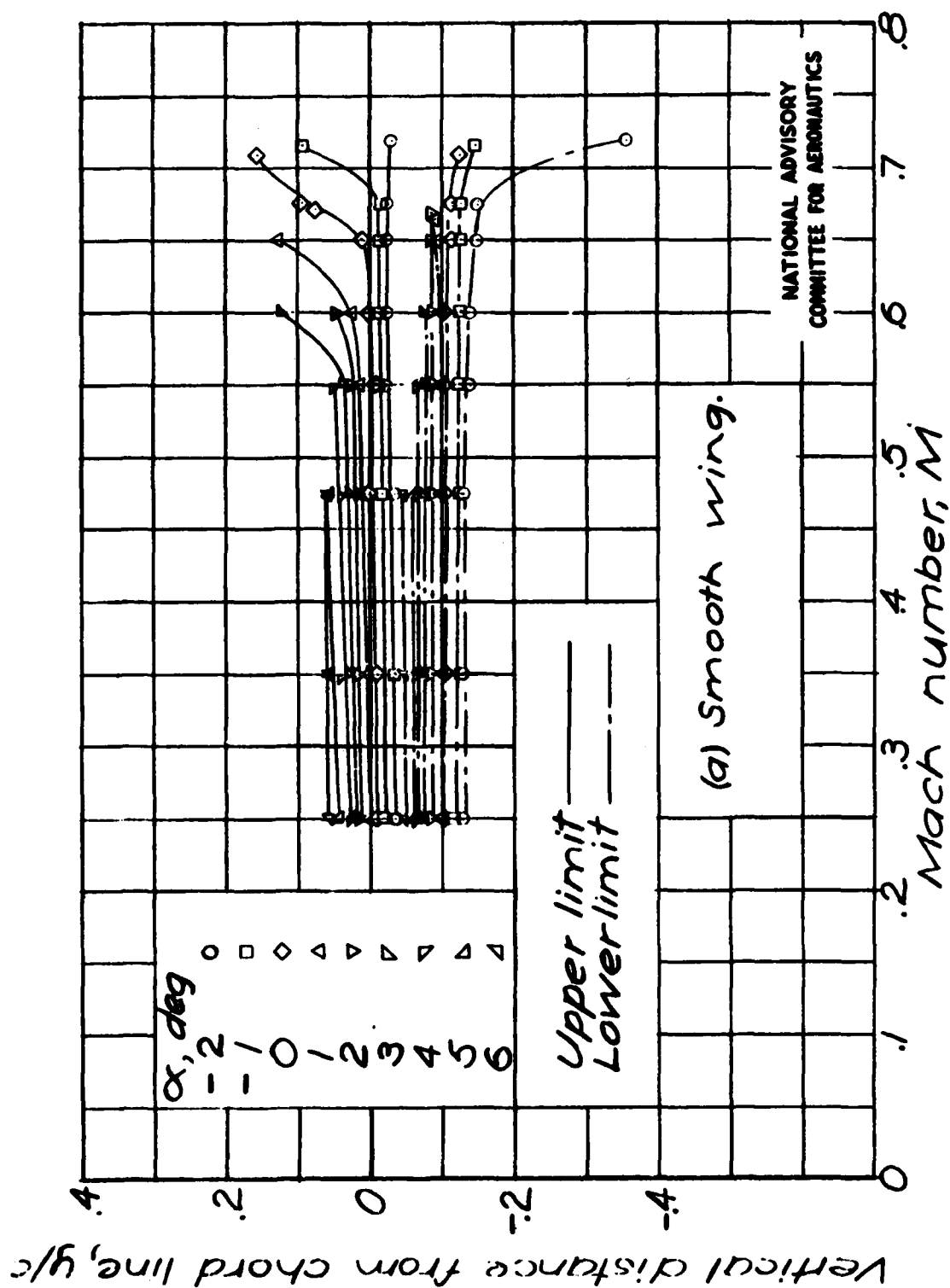


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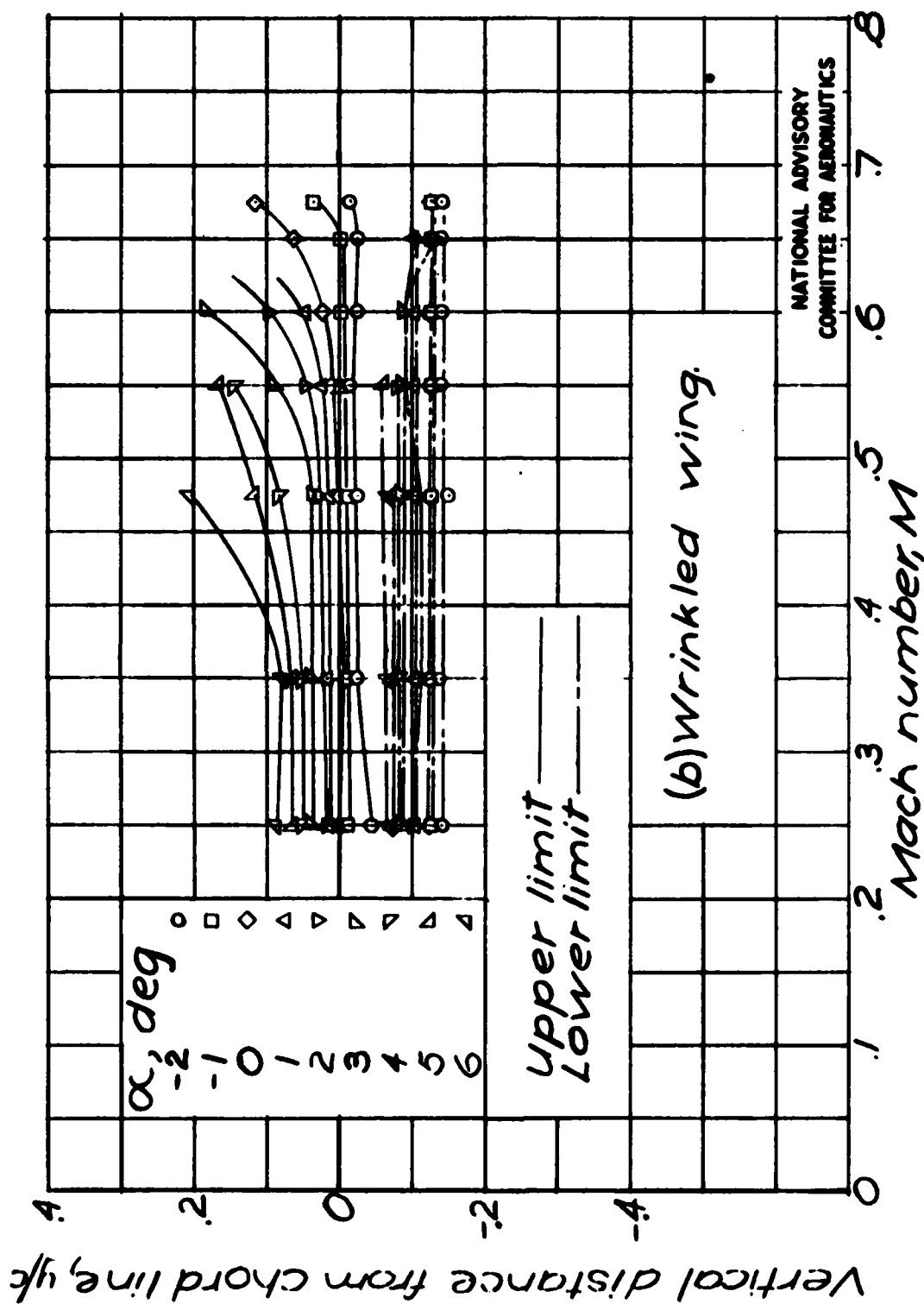


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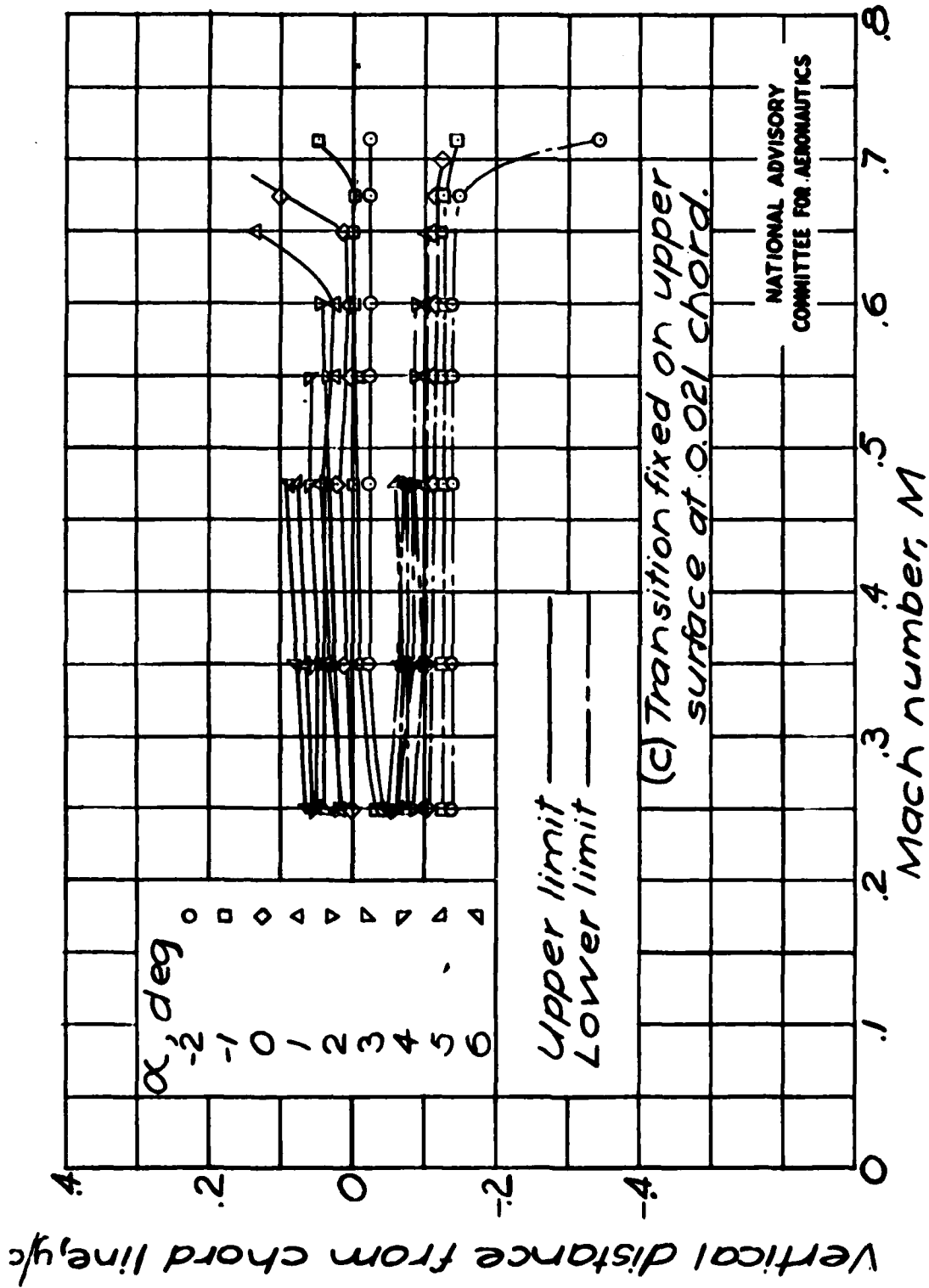


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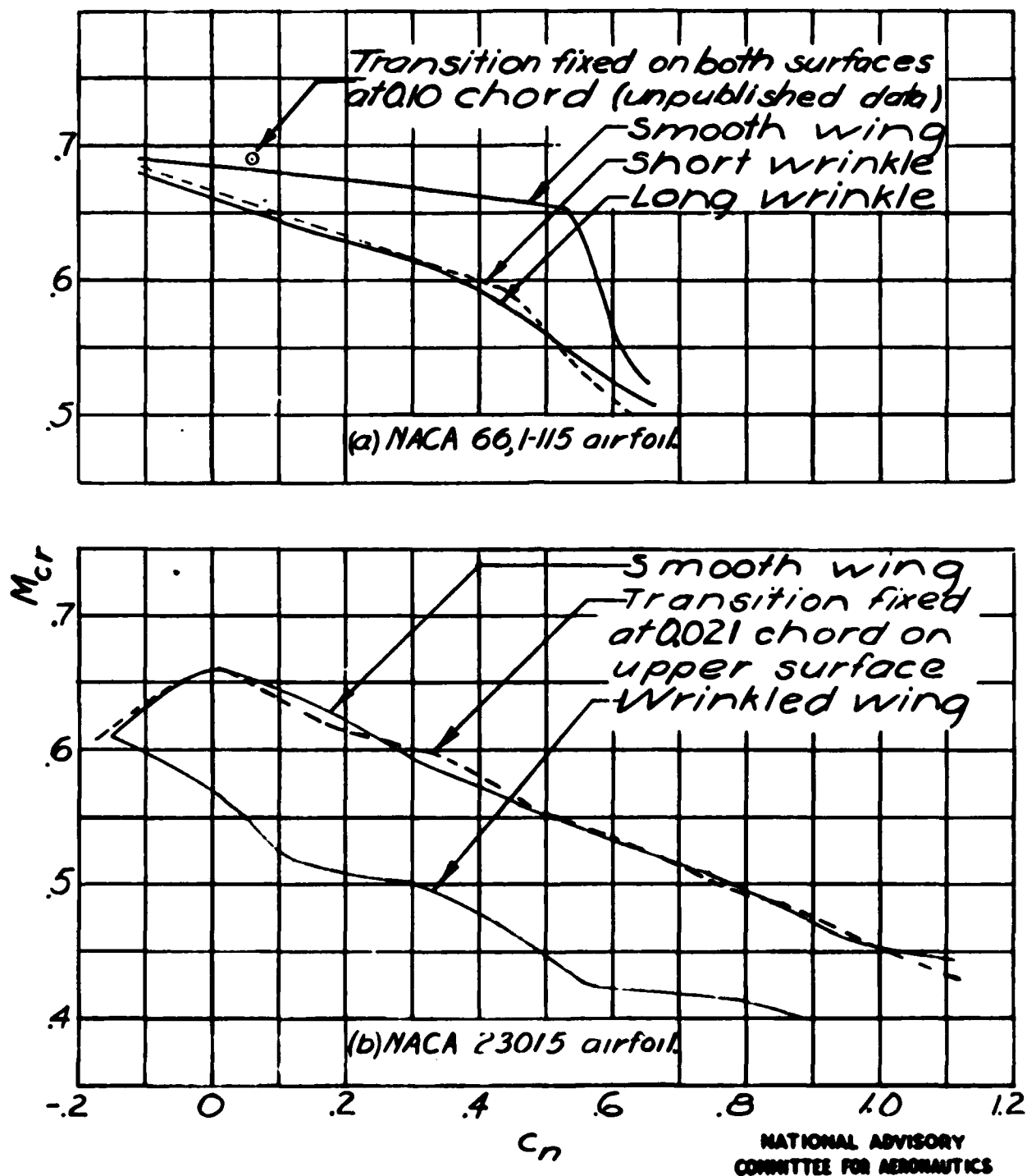


Figure 30.- Variation of critical Mach number with section normal-force coefficient.

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